



Home Preparation Prior to Bed Bug Treatment

- **Launder clothing and soft items (from linen and clothes closet, dressers, sheet, blankets/comforters, pillows, chair covers and throw pillows).**

To be completed before treatment day:

Place clothing, shoes, plush toys, pillows and bedding into clear bags and seal tightly.

Place bags away from infestation site.

The following laundry procedures can be completed at your own pace before or after bed bug treatment.

- All bedding and soiled clothing should be washed **Hot** Water and placed in the dryer on **HIGH** for minimum of 20 minutes.
- Clean clothing needs to be out in the dryer on **HIGH** for a minimum of 20 minutes. When the laundering cycles are complete, the clean laundry should be placed in new clear garbage bags and sealed during the treatment process.
- **Pack up electronics, books and hard toys:**

Plastic totes with airtight seals (not cardboard boxes) can be used to store items that cannot be laundered (i.e. Hard toys electronics, books and breakable items). Be prepared to store these items until they can be thoroughly inspected and/or treated.

- **Furniture (i.e. Dressers, beds, couches, night stands, bookshelves).**

Bookshelves, nightstands or other furniture in the immediate area must be emptied so that the technician can spray the undersides of the furniture. Furniture and items should be moved at least 3 feet away from the walls to facilitate spraying of the baseboards. Shelving and drawers should be clean.

- **Beds:**

In the future, tuck bedding in tightly and refrain from using bed skirt as this provides bed bugs a way onto the bed from the floor. Keep the headboard a few inches away from the wall. We recommend using a metal bed to allow for the use of bed moats.

- **Mattress and box spring encasements are recommended**

- **Remove switch / outlet plates in the bedrooms to allow for dust treatment.**

- **Aquariums:**

Aquariums may remain in place as long as the filtration and aeration systems are turned off and tank is adequately covered. Both systems can be turned back on after six (6) hours after treatment.

- **Disposal mattresses/furniture/clothing:**

Please advise before treatment if any items are going to be disposed of. Discarding beds, bedding and furniture is **NOT** always necessary. Furniture that is infested with bed bugs that **cannot** be salvaged needs to be defaced and either shrink-wrapped or put into plastic bags before removing from the unit. This will prevent bed bugs from dropping off and spreading into areas of the home.

- **Kitchen:**

Nothing needs to be done to the kitchen. 80% of bedbugs are in and/or beside the sleeping area.

If you have any questions or require clarification of the preparation or treatment procedures feel free to call our office at 647-508-7378.

Once the existence of bed bugs has been confirmed, proper preparation of bedrooms and possibly other areas is essential before treatment can begin. The technician will review this preparation sheet with you and has the right to refuse service if the location is inadequately prepared on the day of treatment.

Re-entry Time: All occupants, including pets, must leave the unit and not enter for a minimum of four (4) hours after treatment is complete (8 hours for pregnant women, children and elderly). This re-entry time will be posted on a sign adhered to the exterior door.

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