

Pest Management Enterprise



Bed Bug Treatment Preparation sheet

Prior to our technician's Arrival:

Please review & complete all the necessary preparations listed below. These steps will ensure that your Technician is able to provide an effective and safe treatment

Preparation Process

- Reduce clutter and sort through books, magazines, picture frames to check for bed bug infestation.
- Vacuum floors and dispose of bag properly.
- Remove all bedding and pillows. Place in bags and take to the laundry room where they can be placed directly into the washing machine using hot water and/or placed into a dryer as indicated in the step below. Refer to Laundry Directions.
- All bed mattresses and box springs need to have bed bug proof encasement.
- Articles under the beds provide an ideal place for bedbugs to hide. All clothing or garments must be bagged and laundered. Larger items that were previously stored under the bed should not be moved as bedbugs may be relocated into other areas of the structure.
- Any loose clothing (garments found outside of a dresser, under the bed or closet) must be bagged and laundered as per Laundry Directions. Discard plastic bags used for transportation of these items into an exterior garbage bin.
- Take clothing and other belongings out of all drawers, nightstands, tables, closets, wardrobes and similar storage areas and launder as per directions located at the end of this page. Ensure all garments are transported from the infested area in sealed bags or containers when transporting to the laundry facility to prevent spreading of the insects to non-infested areas. Discard plastic bags used to transport items immediately in an exterior garbage bin.
- Remove drapery in rooms, bag and immediately launder professionally.
- Remove advised furniture out of the premises.
- You and your pets will need to stay out of the treated area during treatment as well as four hours after or until treatment has dried.
- **LAUNDRY DIRECTIONS:** It is necessary that all garments be laundered in hot water (>60°C or >140°F) or placed into a dryer on the highest setting for a minimum of 30 minutes (>60°C or >140°F). The dryer must be capable of reaching a temperature of >60°C or >140°F to kill all stages and not be loaded to more than 50% capacity. All laundered items must remain out of the treatment area during service. Clothing and fabrics associated with beds/sofas cannot be treated with pesticides due to the prolonged contact with skin. It is for this reason that this step is crucial and necessary to ensure the treatment program does not fail with the re-introduction of bedbugs from infested clothing.
- After the treatment, do not use any other chemicals or pest control products. • Inform the pest control operator before the treatment of any health issues; such as being ill, pregnancy, asthma, etc.

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Post-treatment actions to be performed by the Tenant

The follow-up service will occur if any signs of bed bugs are still present by the tenant after the initial treatment. To reduce the amount of work to be completed by the homeowner in preparation of this follow-up service we advise you not to completely reassemble your home until this service has been performed. These accompanying measures should be taken during the period between the initial and follow-up services:

- Where possible, clothing should remain in sealed plastic bags to prevent potential re-infestation. Bags must be kept sealed at all times. Where the homeowner wishes to place clothing back into dressers and closets these items will need to be removed, bagged and re-laundered prior to the follow-up service.
- Please leave all other objects in their original state of preparation until the follow-up service has been completed.
- Do not introduce any new or used furniture or any other potentially infested items not previously in unit.
- Do not buy used furniture, electronics or beds unless you can verify their origin and are confident they are free of potential bedbug presence.
- Periodically perform an inspection of your home focusing on the sleeping quarters and inspecting the bed and furniture in close proximity to the bed. Bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices and prefer wood and fabric surfaces so they will be found in these areas most often.
- Bedbugs are highly mobile but typically remain close to the host. They are generally only active at night to avoid detection however can be found when inspecting areas where they like to hide.