

## **BED BUGS TREATMENT**

### **CLIENT PREPARATION SHEET**

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



#### **How To Prepare For Your Treatment**

##### **CHECKLIST**

- Birds and Pets must be removed from the premises for 4 hours. Fish tanks and pumps must be covered and the pumps turned off for 8 hours.
- All plants must be removed or covered. If removed, please inspect for bed bugs.
- Remove all sheets and blankets from all beds (see washing directions below). Leave the box spring and mattress on the bed frame together but allow enough room for them to be propped up against the wall. Don't install a new mattress in the room until after treatment. Mattress and box spring encasements are strongly recommended to be used.
- All clothing and garments loose around the floor must be laundered (see washing directions below).
- Every day: vacuum all floors including (carpets/wood/tile) especially edges, cracks and crevices and remove vacuum bag, and immediately seal it in a plastic bag and place in garbage. Bed bugs can survive being vacuumed.
- Remove all infested drapes and put in the dryer (on high heat). Do not put the drapes back up until treatment is complete.
- All items in the bedroom cupboards, next to the bed and items low to the ground in closets, should be checked and placed in bags
- No food should be exposed in all areas. Ensure that the kitchen is clean and that food items are sealed in containers.
- Do not place items on any surfaces that may be infested, especially fabric covered furniture such as sofas, chairs or beds, as they may also need to be checked and bagged.
- Move all furniture at least 2 feet away from the wall, heaters and radiators so spray can be applied to baseboard perimeters.
- Remove electrical wall plates, phone jack plates and light switch covers in the infected areas.
- Unplug all cords from outlets and cover TVs, computers and other electronic items to prevent any spray drift from getting on them.

## 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 (>40°C or >104°F). The dryer must be capable of reaching a temperature of >40°C 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.

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## After Your Treatment

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The products applied will only be effective if the following steps are taken after your home is serviced:

- **DO NOT** use other pest control chemicals (powders or sprays) or cleaning products near areas that have been sprayed, as this will decrease or eliminate the effectiveness of the treatments.
- Vacuum after treatment, especially along the baseboards. Use crevice tool to get into corners and cracks. Furniture should also be vacuumed daily (i.e. mattress, box spring, sofas, chairs, and ottoman).
- Use clean sheets and blankets on all beds and a sheet should be placed on the sofa after treatment for one week.
- Upon re-entry to your home, do not wash any of the baseboards for a period of at least four weeks. The pesticide residual effects lessen by washing.
- Wash off kitchen counter tops, bread board, refrigerator and stove tops with soap and water.
- Don't create clutter. Keep things neat and tidy.

This is not an instant kill; the products do not kill bed bug eggs. The eggs will hatch and nymph bed bugs will have to cross the product in order to die, this may take 10 to 14 days.

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## Reminder

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**It is necessary for you or your pets to leave your home during the treatment and for 4 hours after the treatment.** Anyone who has allergies, asthma, is pregnant, children under the age of 4 or anyone with respiratory problems should consult their family doctor where they have concerns regarding the re-entry times. Upon re-entry, open the windows for 20 minutes to properly ventilate the treated rooms.

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## What You Can Expect From Your Treatment

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Your technician will use a variety of methods to control the pest depending on each unique situation. Liquid spray will be used and is the most effective treatment to take control. All treatments will be made with your safety in mind to ensure your health.