

## **BEDBUG PREPARATION CHECKLIST**

1. Be prepared to spend at least 2 to 4 hours away from your residence. Visually inspect all clothing, purses, backpacks, etc. to make sure you aren't taking any bedbugs with you.
2. ***On the day of treatment***, wash and dry everything that can be laundered and which has been in contact with the infected areas. (This includes sheets, blankets, pillowcases, mattress pads, bed skirts, clothing, curtains, etc.) Put these items directly into plastic bags, seal them, and take them to the washing machine, even if it is in your own home or apartment. Immediately discard the plastic bags outside. All items must spend at least 40 minutes in the dryer at the hottest temperature on the dial. (Delicate items that cannot be heated can be dry-cleaned. Be sure to let the dry cleaner know that it may be infested.)
3. Remove everything from the beds, couches, loveseats and chairs. Make sure that all furniture is accessible for treatment.
4. Thoroughly vacuum the floor, mattresses and box springs, couches, chairs, closets, etc. Dispose of the vacuum bag outdoors when finished! If you have a bagless vacuum, thoroughly clean the filters and canisters with a bleach water solution.
5. Cats and dogs should be kenneled or removed from the house for 2 to 4 hours. Cover any fish or reptile tanks. Remove all open or exposed food from the areas to be treated. (This does not include the kitchen.)
6. Except in cases of severe infestation, it will ***not*** necessary to remove all items from dresser drawers and closets. However, luggage, overnight cases, trunks, storage bins, etc. need to be accessible so that treatment may be performed to the extent possible, reasonable and practical.
7. Please ***do not*** use any 'over the counter' insecticide treatments, either before or after treatment. These sprays are repellents, and will diminish the effectiveness of professional treatment.
8. We ***do not*** recommend protective mattress covers, as they severely inhibit treatment. Protective covers with holes should be carefully removed and discarded outside.

Treatment is done in three phases over a period of one to two months. The process outlined above will need to be repeated for each treatment. Our purpose is to break the life cycle of these pests and to completely eliminate them. ***Your cooperation is critical!***

**PLEASE NOTE:** If service is scheduled and these preparations are not made for each appointment, there will be a \$20.00 reschedule fee.



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