

Flea Elimination Preparation Checklist

Before our visit...

- ❖ Thoroughly clean floors and furniture.
 - Vacuum or shampoo carpets and furniture, including under furniture and between cushions, etc.
 - Sweep and mop tile or other hard flooring, especially under furniture
 - Carefully empty contents of the vacuum canister into a plastic bag, seal it tightly, and dispose of it in an outdoor trash receptacle
 - Wash sponge filters in warm soapy water (follow manufacturer's directions)
- ❖ Cover or remove exposed food in treatment areas
- ❖ Cover or remove pet food and water dishes from treatment areas
- ❖ Food processing surfaces and utensils should be either covered during treatment or washed thoroughly before use.
- ❖ Arrange to have your pets out of the house during the treatment and for one to two hours thereafter. (This might be a good time to have them treated.) Aquariums containing fish, reptiles, etc. should be covered, and aerators, etc. should be turned off.
 - No pets or humans are allowed in the room during treatment. No one should reenter treated rooms until all surfaces have dried.

After our visit...

- ❖ After pet bedding has dried, it should be laundered before use.
 - Wash pet bedding at least once a week in hot, soapy water until the infestation has been eliminated.
- ❖ Vacuum frequently to remove any remaining fleas, eggs, and "flea dirt" (feces and dried blood that adults leave behind and which the larvae feed on). The vibration of the vacuum also stimulates fleas to come out of their cocoons, exposing them to the pesticide!
- ❖ A follow-up visit will be scheduled about two weeks from the date of the initial treatment.

Also note...

- ❖ Fleas can be introduced into the home by mice, squirrels, racoons, or other wild animals. Make sure you don't leave a way for them to get in!
- ❖ Work with your veterinarian to maintain your pet's flea treatment!

