



## **BED BUG TREATMENT PREPARATION**

1. Remove all sheets, pillows, and bedding material. Seal them in a plastic bag until they can be cleaned to prevent the infestation from spreading.
2. Wash sheets and bedding in soap and hot water. Items that can't be washed, such as bedspreads, should be dried at high temperatures for one hour. This will also be necessary for clothing or bedding stored beneath beds or in dressers where bed bugs are discovered.
3. Lean mattresses and box springs against the wall for inspection and treatment of small crevices and tufts.
4. Bag drapes, remove bags, and dry drapes at high temperatures for at least one hour. (Only high heat eliminates eggs in these items).
5. Clear all floors of loose items such as toys, change, trash, etc...including floors in closets and interior storage. Clutter makes it difficult for crews to get around and inspect all parts of your residence, and gives bed bugs more places to hide.
6. Don't move your stuff to someone else's home during the treatment. You might end up spreading your infestation of bed bugs and may reintroduce them to your newly treated residence later when you retrieve your things.
7. Vacuum the entire carpet, especially the edges (with crevice attachment). Debris will interfere with the inspection.
8. Seal the vacuum bag in a plastic bag and discard in an outside trash bin.
9. Ensure all items are removed from on top and within dressers, nightstands, bookshelves, coffee tables, desks, etc. All wood furniture must be turned over and inspected for bed bugs and their eggs, including CD and tape stands.
10. Move all furniture and bed frames at least 18" from the wall, so we can inspect and treat the carpet edge and baseboards where bed bugs prefer to hide.
11. Upholstered furniture (couches and chairs) will need to be inspected and treated. Remove and bag throws, pillows, and slip covers, and dry at high temperatures. Vacuum deep into crevices of all furniture with a crevice attachment.
12. Take down all removable wall hangings such as pictures, paintings, mirrors, etc. for inspection and/or treatment. Please leave the removed item near the wall in the area in which it was removed.
13. Aquariums: Disconnect the air pump, and cover the top with a towel.
14. Birds, dogs, cats, must be removed from the residence for at least 4-6 hours after treatment.