

## PREPARING FOR YOUR BEDBUG TREATMENT

Proper preparation is an essential step for ensuring the most effective results from your upcoming bed bug treatment. Preparation involves everything, from providing adequate access to your unit, to cleaning post treatment recommendations. We understand that appropriate preparation can be difficult to achieve in a short period of time and you may need additional assistance and time. Please notify your Manager/Management Company if you have any special needs or requirements.

**Treatment:** Upon arrival, technician will be ready for treatment. Residents will not be allowed in rooms and areas of treatment. This process requires people and pets to vacate 4-6 hours after being concluded. Babies (0-24 months), pregnant women, anyone with respiratory problems (12-24 hours) or your primary physician's note.

Field Technician will treat baseboards, crack, crevices and areas used by bedbugs as hideout. Your home will be treated with a material that will remain effective for a period of time and a second visit will be necessary to re-treat these areas. Since bedbugs can travel through walls **please remove all outlets and switch plate covers** so we can have access to treat (only for the first service visit).

**Bedding:** Remove covers, bed sheets, pillows, stuffed animals etc. Place all items in black plastic bags so you can take it to the laundry mat to be washed in the highest allowable water temperature and dry in the hottest allowable heat setting.

\*Items that cannot be washed but can be dried in the dryer at high heat temperature. They should be dried for a minimum of 30 minutes. Discard debris collected in the lint trap after each cycle.

\*Do not over stuff the washer or dryer so that the wash or heat can reach all parts of the items.

\*Items that cannot be laundered should be taken to the dry cleaner, we recommend leaving these items at the cleaners between the initial treatment and the follow up treatment visit.

**Clothing:** Put all clothing items in black plastic bags and take them to wash in the highest allowable water temperature and dry in the hottest allowable heat setting. Ideally, you can place everything back in closets after 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment.

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**NEW LAUNDERED ITEMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN FRESH BAGS TO PREVENT RE-INFESTATION**

**(HIGHLY RECCOMENDED TO WASH ALL ITEMS SAME DAY OF SERVICE AND NOT ON SITE LAUNDRY ROOM TO AVOID CONTAMINATION TO OTHER UNITS)**

**Bed:** Disassemble bed; remove mattress, mattress base, headboard, and footboard. Place all items standing against the nearest wall, giving room to technician to treat the wall baseboard. Remove any plastic from original manufacturer.

**Furniture and other objects:** Pull furniture at least 3 feet away from the walls and baseboards. Remove all items from closets, including items in closet shelves, no items should remain in the closet. Drawers and dressers must be completely emptied. Remove all miscellaneous items from night stands, chests, etc.

- \* Hallways. Living room area, bedrooms must be accessible.
- \*Miscellaneous items can be placed in plastic bags or sealed containers and remove from area of treatment. (Do not use cardboard boxes to store your items, bedbugs can hide in folds)
- \*Remove all shelves, picture frames, artwork, wall clocks and decorative items from the walls and place on the floor in the same room as they were hanging.

**Cleaning Instructions:** (do not scrub baseboards) Deep cleaning must be performed 10-15 days after 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment not before. To avoid disruption of treatment, please vacuum 2-3 inches away from baseboard walls,

**Helpful information:**

- \*Units that are noted to have excess clutter are not able to get a thorough and successful treatment.
- \*Excess clutter and untidiness in the home makes treatment difficult.
- \*If you decide to throw away your furniture, deface or otherwise damage furniture items, so they will not be used by others.
- \*Mattress should be slashed or otherwise damaged to make it unusable and it should be wrapped in plastic before being removed from the bedroom.
- \*Moving beds without completely enclosing the mattress and box spring in plastic may spread the infestation by allowing eggs, bedbug nymphs, and adult bed bugs to drop from the items as it is moved.
- \*Fish and reptile tanks must be covered or removed. Air filters and filtrations systems for aquatic fish should be turned off during treatment.
- \*Take valuables such as money, jewelry, credit cards, important documents, etc., with you to a secure location. Pestcal Exterminators is liable for lost items.

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