



## **BED BUG TREATMENT PREPARATION**

Treatment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A service technician will enter your residence to treat for bed bugs.

**Proper preparation is required to achieve the best results. Please follow these instructions completely. The better prepared you are, the more effective the treatment will be.**

The technician will not be able to treat if other pest control products have been applied. Please **do not apply other pest control products before or after professional pest control treatment.**

**You must leave the premises during the treatment. You must not enter the unit for at least 2 hours after treatment is completed.** Those who are pregnant, have health concerns, or under the age of two years old must not return for at least 4 hours after treatment is completed.

When you reenter the residence, if possible, please open a window to ventilate for 15 minutes.

**You must be prepared when the technician arrives. The technician will not be able to wait for you to prepare your residence for treatment.**

1. Pull all furniture and other objects 12 to 18 inches away from walls. *(We need access to treat baseboards, outlets, cracks and crevices where bed bugs hide).*
2. Remove as many objects as possible from floors.
3. Vacuum thoroughly. Throw away vacuum bag or clean bagless vacuum thoroughly.
4. Wash and/or dry all clothing in hottest possible temperature possible. Clothing can just be placed in a dryer at high heat for minimum of 40 minutes.
5. **Remove all bedding (sheets, blankets, pillow cases), and launder in hottest possible temperature.**
6. Place **clean bedding and clothing** in plastic bags and tie or seal securely. Store these bags in the bathroom or bathtub. If space is limited, store in the center of livingroom.
7. **Do not stack anything on beds, couches, chairs, dressers, end tables, or coffee table.**
8. Cover all televisions, computers, stereo equipment, and electronics with plastic.
9. **Cover fish tanks and turn off air filters. Other pets must be removed for 2 hours or put in a bathroom with closed door with a folded towel in front of the bottom door crack.**
10. If you have noticed bed bugs in specific areas of your residence, please notify maintenance or leave a clearly written note for the technician.
11. After treatment, please vacuum all floors and remake beds with clean linens. Remember to throw away the vacuum bag or thoroughly clean bagless vacuum. *(Removing old bed bug evidence will help us know how much new activity is present, and help us determine how many treatments are needed).*

*\*\* Additional Information on reverse side.*

**Resident & Pet Preparation for Treatment:**

- Residents must **follow all instructions on the prep sheet** to allow technicians to perform a full and effective treatment.
- **Pets must be secured.** If a pet cannot be removed from the unit, it should be placed in an unaffected room with a towel placed at the bottom of the door to prevent exposure to treatment products.
- **Technicians will not treat units where pets are loose**—especially if there is an aggressive pet or a dog left unattended.

**Bed Bug Treatment Guidelines:**

- **Weekly Treatments:** Bed Bugs must be treated on a **weekly** basis to disrupt their reproductive cycle. Missing treatments can lead to pesticide-resistant bed bugs, making eradication more difficult.
- **No Self-Treatment:** Residents should **never** use store-bought pest control products. These products typically act as repellents, pushing bed bugs into other units and worsening the issue. Once the product dissipates, the bed bugs will return.
- **Professional Treatment Methods:**
  - Sprays create a residual effect—bed bugs walk through the treated areas, causing irritation to their exoskeleton. When they attempt to clean themselves, they ingest the product.

Per management, if you are not ready for this treatment you will be charged \$\_\_\_\_\_

*\*\*For any questions regarding prep work please call our office at 303-706-96163.*

Thanks for your cooperation!