

## Preparing For A Bed Bug Treatment

- Bed bugs can be very difficult to control in certain situations. It is extremely important that your home is prepared properly in order for our treatment to be successful.
- On the day of the treatment, everyone should be prepared to leave the home once the technician arrives. In most cases, this will be between 4 and 8 hours.
- All pets should be removed from the home during the treatment. Fish tanks may be covered with a towel or plastic wrap and the pump should be turned off.
- All linens must be removed from mattresses and box springs. They should be washed in the hottest water possible, dried on high heat, and placed in sealed plastic bags.
- If mattresses, box springs, or furniture are in poor condition, ripped, or heavily infested, the technician may recommend that they be discarded. They should be placed in large plastic bags (available at moving companies), before being moved through the house. If items in poor condition cannot be removed, mattress and box spring covers should be used. Please discuss this with your technician.
- Remove everything from all closets and bureaus. Wash all clothing in hot water, dry on high heat, and place in clean, sealed plastic bags. Stuffed toys and other fabric based items should be run through a dryer on a high heat cycle.
- Pick up all personal items, shoes, toys, etc from all floor areas. Tables, counters, bath tubs, and decks are all good places to put loose items during the treatment.
- All exposed food should be put in the refrigerator or in sealed containers. Kitchen cabinets do not need to be emptied.
- **Please Note:** If the above preparation is not completed prior to our arrival, our technicians may be unable to do the treatment that day or you may be charged an additional fee.

## After The Treatment

- 4 hours after the treatment, linens can be put back on the beds and clothes can be returned to the bureaus. Please make sure that all surfaces are dry first.
- To give the treatment time to work, do not shampoo carpets or wash floors for 3 weeks. Vacuuming may be done as desired.
- It is not unusual to see a few random bed bugs after the treatment. However, they will eventually come into contact with a residual chemical that was applied.
- Two weeks after your initial treatment, your technician will do a follow-up.
- If you have any questions, please call Expert Pest Control 800-235-3093