

Bed Bug Preparation Checklist

Bed bugs are tough to control. They hide in many places, beds, closets, furniture, behind pictures and in cracks and crevices. Pest Management Professionals need your cooperation to successfully eliminate these insects.

Before treatment, residents must prepare by completing the following steps:

1. Remove all sheets, blankets and pillowcases from all beds.
 - a. Linens should be dried on high heat for 20-25 minutes prior to washing.
 - b. After washing, do not place them back on the bed until after treatment.
2. Closets, dresser drawers, nightstands, and furniture should all be cleared and emptied of clothes, toys, etc. and those items placed in plastic bags after inspecting for bedbugs.
 - a. Clothes should be laundered as described above before being bagged.
 - i. Bagged items should remain “quarantined” for as long as possible.
 - b. There is a possibility that furniture may be turned over.
3. Please remove all personal items from floors such as toys, clothes, shoes, etc. Do not place any personal items on beds or couches, as these areas will be treated.
4. Kitchens and bathrooms do not need to be prepped.
 - i. Place all sealed bags of belongings in kitchen.
5. Dispose of all unneeded items and clutter.
 - a. Bedbugs easily hide in mess and clutter, please eliminate as much as possible.
6. All baseboards should be exposed in bedrooms, living rooms, and closets (unplug electronics and move objects away from perimeter of rooms).
7. Vacuum mattresses, box springs, bed frames, floors (**including under the beds**), furniture and inside closets, dresser drawers and nightstands. Place contents of vacuum in exterior garbage can. If no carpeting, sweep and mop as well as damp wipe all drawers and shelves.
8. Mattress and box spring covers should be purchased and used on all beds.
9. Do not attempt to self-treat with “over the counter” products as this may negate the treatment. Please remove any self-treatment that has already been applied
10. Please secure all pets prior to treatment. Birds and reptiles should be removed from the unit. Fish tanks and terrariums should be turned off and covered

Plan to be away during treatment. If all steps are not completed, service will not be provided. Please date and sign this list and leave where pest control operator can find on day of service.

Date: _____ Print Name: _____

Signature: _____