

# **BEDBUGS – Pest Control Pre Treatment Sheet**

**Please carry out the following preparations to enable the pest control officer to carry out the treatment: Failure to do so may result in refusal of treatment.**

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 cannot be washed, such as bedspreads and curtains, should be dried at high temperatures for one hour. Only high heat eliminates eggs in these items. This will also be necessary for clothing or bedding stored beneath beds or in dressers/chests of drawers where bed bugs are discovered.
3. Everything that can be laundered should be laundered before treatment and placed in plastic bags. This would include stuffed animals and other soft articles.
4. Place the clean items in new, unused plastic bags and tie closed. Do not bring bags of clean laundry into the home until after the treatment is completed.
5. Clear all floors of loose items such as toys, magazines etc. This includes floors in closets and interior storage. Place all items in sealed plastic bags for laundering or disposal.

**Don't move items to another home or room during treatment. You may spread bed bugs to the other areas and may reintroduce bed bugs to your newly treated home later, when you retrieve your belongings.**

- Ensure all items are removed from dresser tops and within dressers, nightstands, bookshelves, coffee tables etc.
- All wood furniture, CD stands must be turned over and inspected for bedbugs and their eggs.
- Move all furniture and bed frames at least 18 inches from the wall so we can inspect and treat the carpet edge and skirting board where bed bugs prefer to hide.
- Upholstered furniture (sofas and chairs) will need to be inspected and treated. Remove and bag throws and slip covers, and dry at high temperatures (60°C for 1 hour minimum). Vacuum deep into crevices with a crevice attachment.
- Aquariums: disconnect the air pump and cover the top with a plastic bag or sheet.
- Birds, dogs, cats and other pets must be completely removed from the residence.

- Smoke alarms must be disconnected and/or batteries must be removed. Where this is not possible make sure that they are well covered.
- All furniture containing potential hiding crevices, such as bookshelves and desks, should be emptied.
- Remove all clutter, boxes, bags, etc.
- Vacuum the entire carpet with a crevice attachment, especially the edges.
- Vacuum floors, furniture and inside closets, dresser drawers and bed stands. Also vacuum mattresses and box springs. Dispose of vacuum bag/contents of vacuum cleaner sealing them in a plastic bag and then discarding them in an outside rubbish bin.

**No other person except technician to be in rooms during treatment.**

**Beds must be continued to be used as normal once the insecticide has dried.**

**Failure to comply with any of these requests may result in refusal of treatment.**

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