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### **Bed Bug Preparation Checklist – Insecticide A Treatment**

#### **Please remember:**

**Proper preparation is the most important part of treating bed bugs.** If you have questions along the way, please contact our office. We will gladly answer them. If you need more time to prepare, we will gladly reschedule your treatment.

Homes and apartments with a lot of clutter are difficult or impossible to eliminate bed bugs.

Discarding beds or furniture to get rid of bed bugs does NOT work.

If your home or apartment is not adequately prepared, your treatment may be postponed until adequate preparation is completed and/or you may be charged an additional \$75.00 trip surcharge.

**DO NOT spray any pesticides, cleaning products, liquids, or aerosols in treated areas. These products will neutralize the treatment and result in treatment failure.**

#### **Preparation:**

- [ ] 1. Discard cardboard trash, boxes, shoeboxes, paper and plastic bags, old newspapers, stacks of magazines, and other not needed items.
- [ ] 2. Pick up all toys, stuffed animals, shoes, clothing, etc. from the floor; especially against walls.
- [ ] 3. If you have cabin beds/beds with built-in storage, remove all clothing items from these storage areas and launder and dry at high heat. Place these clean dry clothes in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until treatment has been completed.
- [ ] 4. Vacuum in and around all box springs, mattresses, chairs, and sofas. Vacuum all carpets and floor coverings. Immediately discard the vacuum bag by placing it in a sealed plastic bag and put it in an OUTSIDE trash receptacle. Damp mop all uncarpeted floors.
- [ ] 5. **Strip beds and leave stripped until AFTER treatment.** Put bedding in the dryer on high heat for 40 minutes.

- [ ] 6. Cover exposed food or put in the refrigerator or cupboard. Cover clean dishes and cookware or put in the cupboard.
- [ ] 7. Take pets out of the house. Fish and reptile tanks which cannot be removed should be covered with a plastic sheet or blanket. Unplug the air and filter system during treatment.
- [ ] 8. All clothes, items in dressers and closets, ornaments, DVD's, knick-knacks, etc. should remain in place.
- [ ] 9. Mattress and box spring encasements are optional. If you are going to use an encasement, either install it before the treatment or wait until 3 months or more after treatment.

**What to Expect:**

- [ ] 1. During treatment, people and pets should be out of the treated area for **4 hours**.
- [ ] 2. We will contact you for a follow-up inspection in 4 weeks at no additional cost.
- [ ] 3. Live bed bugs may be visible for 3 weeks after treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. However, all bed bugs will die within 3-7 days after coming into contact with the treatment barrier.
- [ ] 4. For 3 months after treatment - After laundering bedding, do not put sheets/ bedding on any part of the bed until they are cool to the touch.
- [ ] 5. If you are moving in additional furniture, either contact us so new furniture can be treated or postpone moving in furniture for 90 days following the treatment.
- [ ] 6. Contact us if you still see live bed bugs 45 or more days after treatment. An additional follow-up may be needed.