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## Bedbug Preparation Sheet

### HOW TO PREPARE FOR TREATMENT

Adult bedbugs are reddish brown, flattened, oval, and wingless, with microscopic hairs that give them a banded appearance. They are sometimes mistaken for ticks or cockroaches. A common misconception is that they are not visible to the naked eye, but adults grow to about ¼ inch long. Bedbugs particularly like wood and fabric. They hide in cracks, crevices, narrow spaces and voids in proximity to where humans sleep or rest such as: beds and bed frames, nightstands, dressers, desks, recliners and sofas. Heavier infestations spread behind baseboards, in windows and door casings. Look for them behind items attached to walls and ceilings, pictures, electrical switch plates, smoke detectors, loose wallpaper, in the pleats of drapes, and the upholstery of furniture. Bedbugs can be tough to eliminate. Depending on the infestation more than one treatment may be necessary. To maximize the effectiveness of a Bed Bug Treatment, it is important to prepare in advance.

- 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 can't be washed such as bedspreads, should be dried at high temperatures for one hour. This will also be necessary for clothing or bedding stored beneath beds or in dressers where bed bugs are discovered.**
- 3. Bag drapes, remove bags, and dry drapes at high temperatures for at least one hour. (Only high heat eliminates eggs in these items).**
- 4. Clear all floors of loose items such as toys, change, trash, etc...including floors in closets and interior storage. Clutter makes it difficult for crews to get around and inspect all parts of your apartment, and gives bed bugs more places to hide.**
- 5. Don't move your stuff to another apartment during the treatment. You might end up spreading bed bugs to the other apartment and may reintroduce bed bugs to your newly treated home later, when you retrieve your things.**
- 6. Vacuum the entire carpet, especially the edges (with crevice attachment). Debris will interfere with the inspection.**
- 7. Seal the vacuum bag in a plastic bag and discard in an outside trash bin.**
- 8. Ensure all items are removed from on top and within dressers, nightstands, bookshelves, coffee tables, etc.  
All wood furniture must be turned over and inspected for bed bugs and their eggs, including CD and tape stands.**
- 9. Move all furniture and bed frames at least 18" from the wall, so we can inspect and treat the carpet edge and baseboards where bed bugs prefer to hide.**

- 10. If not disposing of mattress/box spring then Lean mattresses and box springs against the wall for inspection and treatment of small crevices and tufts.**
- 11. Upholstered furniture (couches and chairs) will need to be inspected and treated. Remove and bag throws, pillows, and slip covers, and dry at high temperatures. Vacuum deep into crevices with a crevice attachment.**
- 12. Aquariums: Disconnect the air pump, and cover the top with a towel.**
- 13. Birds, dogs, cats, and other pets must be completely removed from the residence for 4 – 6 hours after treatment.**
- 14. DURING AND FOLLOWING SERVICE PLAN TO BE OUT OF THE RESIDENCE LONG ENOUGH FOR TREATMENTS TO DRY – USUALLY 4 – 6 HOURS.**

**AFTER TREATMENT:**

- 1. Open as many windows as possible (weather permitting)**
- 2. Leave your home for 4 – 6 hours or until the spray has dried. Keep pets and children off treated surfaces until the spray has dried.**
- 3. Allow box spring to dry completely before remaking them.**
- 4. DO NOT CLEAN carpet FLOORS FOR 2-3 WEEKS! Carpeted areas can be vacuumed**

**5. Install mattress covers on mattress and box spring  
Treatment will not be effective other wise!**

Note! It's not uncommon to be bitten following treatment. You need to give the treatment time to work . If instructions are not followed, you will significantly reduce the chances of eliminating the bedbug problem.