Bed Bug Treatment Preparation Sheet

Bedbug elimination is very difficult at best. The success in this treatment will rely on your full cooperation. You must follow the below instructions as to the preparations for the treatment as well as your actions after the treatment. Depending on the severity of the infestation, several treatments may be necessary. All of the products that will be used for the bedbug treatment are registered and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and will be used in accordance with the label directions.

- Remove all linens and pillows from beds, place them in a plastic bag leaving the mattress and box springs completely bare. Place all blankets or covers that may be on chairs or sofa’s in a plastic bags. Wash all of the above items in hot water and dry on the high dryer setting, this hot setting will produce enough heat to kill the bedbug eggs, nymphs, and adults.
- Pick up all clothing on the floor in the entire home or apartment. These items must be washed as per above.
- Stuffed animals on the bed or other areas inside can be infested with bedbugs, place these in dryer on high setting.
- Any items that are stored under or within 15 feet of the bed can be infested. As an example, tennis shoes that are under or near an infested bed can be infested as well. All items that can be placed in the dryer on the high setting should be placed in the dryer and ran for a cycle.
- Clothing in closet must be removed and wash/dried then placed in plastic bags. Make sure to also remove all items off of the closet floor.
- Clothing in dressers must also be washed and dried with high heat.
- Pickup all items from dressers, tables, and desks. These items need to be placed in plastic bags and sealed. Remove items from all drawers, dressers, file cabinets, desks, etc. Leave these drawers empty and pulled out as they will be treated.
- Place all sealed trash bags in the center of the room, we must have access to all baseboards, closets, and furniture.
- Do not place any items on the bed, chairs, or sofa’s as these items will be treated.
- Empty all luggage and place in center of floor.
- Nothing in the kitchen needs prepared; all food in cupboards and refrigerator will not be harmed or affected.
- Please remove all clutter from the home or apartment as this will hamper our efforts to provide the bedbug treatment and control.
- All occupants and pets must be out of the apartment/ home during the treatment and remain out until the insecticide has completely dried. (Around 4 hours) Fish aquariums can be left in unit if the owner desires, however; the aquarium must be tightly sealed and the air pump turned off. We are not responsible for any pets/ fish that are left in the unit.
- Occupants returning home may find pictures and mirrors off of the wall, these items are often removed so that we can treat the backs of the frames.
- When occupants return home, we highly recommend placing bed and box springs in plastic encasements prior to reassembling bed and using it. The bed should also be checked to make sure it is dry before reassembling.
- The fabric on the bottom of the box spring of the bed will be removed so treatment can be performed. The fabric will be thrown out. We will not reinstall this material.

- Be aware that bedbugs can be introduced to your home or apartment through normal human activities. The following are a few examples:
  - They can be picked up in movie theatres
  - They can be picked up on buses.
  - They can be brought back home in luggage, book bags, overnight bags, borrowed clothes, and boxes from friend’s apartments or homes, and blankets, pillows or stuffed toys brought home from other places.
  - They can be introduced to your home from friends sleeping over so be careful.

Based on many variables, be aware that several treatments may be necessary to get total eradication.

Again, your full cooperation is needed to gain successful eradication of the bedbugs. Thank you in advance for your preparation for this treatment.