



BED BUG ROOM PREPARATION CHECKLIST

Preparation of a room for treatment is essential to the successful management of bed bugs. Typically, we will conduct an inspection BEFORE any cleaning or rearranging has occurred. This gives us a sense of the full extent of the problem and prevents the disturbance and spread of bed bugs before treatment. However, once bed bugs are located and the size of the problem has been estimated, room preparation must be done by the homeowner. If you have any questions or problems completing any of the steps below, please contact us at least 24 hours PRIOR to your scheduled treatment.

Room preparation steps include:

- Remove all blankets, sheets, covers, pillows, bath towels, and drapes/curtains from the bed and entire room and place them into bags for transport to the laundry.
- Empty drawers and closets and place belongings into plastic bags. Place all clothing and coats into bags for transport to the laundry. Shoes, pillows, and children's plush toys should be bagged for the laundry.
- The room should be empty of all cloth and plush items, except plush furniture. If possible, the pillows of plush furniture should be removed and placed in the dryer and heated to 130° for 30 minutes.
- Plastic toys, books, electronics, and anything that cannot be washed should be bagged separately for inspection.
- Move furniture at least 18 inches away from the walls.
- Remove outlet covers and switch plates on all walls.
- Picture frames should be removed from the walls and cleaned or treated.
- People and pets must leave the area during the treatment and wait the stated amount of time before reentering, usually 4 hours.
- If there is a fish tank in the household, it should be covered with a damp towel, because fish are very sensitive to many pesticides.
- All clothing, linens and other items must be cleaned (free of bed bugs) and kept isolated until the bed bug problem is eliminated.
- Make sure we can get to all furniture, closets, beds, and baseboards to inspect and treat.
- It's strongly recommended that you purchase zippered encasement covers for the mattress(es) and box springs. These covers should be used following the initial treatment.