

BEDBUG PREPARATION DOCUMENT

Remove all sheets, blankets, mattress covers, pillowcases, etc. from your beds and wash all washables in hot, soapy water, and dry in a dryer. Pillows should be put in the dryer also. Dry clean all the non-washables. Afterwards, seal them all in virgin plastic bags, do not put them back in service until such time as directed by the technician performing your service.

THEY CAN'T STAND THE HEAT

Bedbugs can stand the cold. Way down to 40 degrees below zero. So "cold" is not an option. They CAN'T, however, stand the heat. So use your dryer, on the highest setting the items will stand. Alarm clocks, radios and other small items that are suspected as infested can often be put in the oven on "WARM" - overnight, about 8-10 hours. On you, the regular insect repellents will help you keep the bedbugs from biting.

EMPTY EVERYTHING!

All closets must be completely empty, as should all dressers, night stands and other furniture in the affected rooms. Remove all clothing, toys, boxes and everyday clutter from the floors of affected rooms. After inspecting closely, all those items, put them together in another room.

VACUUM EVERYTHING!

Vacuumping is good! That means vacuuming all infested areas, the closets, cabinets, dressers and night stands in the entire room. Mattresses, box springs, bed framing and sideboards too. Dispose of vacuum bags outside, DO NOT attend to them inside. Please note that you also have to vacuum UP UNDER shelves and drawers. Bedbugs will hide everywhere. A very thorough cleaning, with a good vacuum, is essential, to all parts of the room(s).

DON'T FORGET...

Move beds and other furniture away from the walls. There should be about a three-foot space so the technician can get to those normally hidden areas. These are favored spots for bedbugs. He will be treating baseboards, wooden trim around doors and windows and the edges of your carpets. Furniture, especially upholstered furniture, must also be treated. Bed frames, headboards and mattresses receive treatment, so the beds should be stripped bare.

All air-breathing animals should be removed from the premises. You, your pets, and children. Plants are okay. If you have fish, please inform the operator before he begins his treatment, for any specific instructions.

OUTSIDE

Move all firewood at least 18 inches away from your building foundation. Rotate it on a timely basis and don't encase it completely or you'll have things living under there, seeking shelter. They can have bedbugs too.

If you remove any infested furniture from the inside to the outside, it should be stored away from the building so there is no danger of reinfestation.

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