



Bed Bug Prep Sheet



Bed bugs can be difficult to control when they infest your home unless you do your part by cooperating with the pest control company. The following tips will help your pest management company and YOU get rid of bed bugs quickly:

1. Don't move any of your belongings to another home during or before the treatment unless you know they are not infested. You might spread bed bugs to another home or to your car or workplace in a backpack or box and then re-infest your home after it has been treated.
2. Place all sheets, blankets, pillowcases, and other bedding in the dryer set on the highest setting that won't damage the items for at least 30 minutes. Then place them in trash bags, and keep them separate from items that may be infested.
3. Dry all clothing on the highest setting allowed for the clothing for at least 30 minutes. Clothing that can't be laundered and dried (including coats and jackets) can be dry-cleaned or need to be inspected carefully. Do not place clothing in infested rooms/areas until treatment has been completed and the bed bugs have been eliminated.
4. Place curtains, pillows, towels, stuffed animals, etc. in the dryer set on the highest setting that won't damage the items for at least 30 minutes. Double bag these items immediately after drying.
5. Carefully inspect all items that cannot be washed; books, electronics, picture frames, plastic toys, etc. Insecticides are going to be used, so place children's toys into plastic bags or storage bins (only if they are bed bug free).
6. Store cleaned and dried items in plastic bags until your home has been treated and the bed bugs eliminated.
7. Have all beds stripped, dresser and night stand drawers cleaned out and ready for the Service Technician.
8. A cluttered home is difficult to inspect and more difficult to treat because bed bugs can find many hiding places. Throw away unneeded items. Move bagged items to bathroom.
9. Provide access to walls, closets, and areas around furniture to allow for a thorough inspection and treatment
10. All residents and household pets should plan to be out of the house for a minimum of one to two hours. Any fish tanks unable to be removed must be covered and sealed in such a way that no chemicals can contaminate the water supply.