
BED BUG TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

Your Cooperation is Essential

Bed bug treatments are different than a normal pest control treatment for spiders and other creeping & crawling insects. Pesticides alone will not eliminate a bed bug problem. ***Your cooperation in these matters is essential for a successful treatment and proper control.*** Effective treatment requires 100% control. A single pregnant female bed bug can start the problem all over again. Treatment won't be done until the technician is satisfied all cleaning has been done. Complete elimination of bed bugs is not guaranteed or implied. Your exposure to bed bugs outside your home and the cleanliness of your home are major factors in bed bug control. You must follow the instructions below very carefully and perform each requirement in the stated order, as well as any other instruction the technician may give.

You Will Need

- Contractor Grade trash bags with ties
- Access to a washer & dryer (high heat)
- Vacuum cleaner with disposable bags (strong suction)
- Zippered mattress and pillow encasements
- Labels to tie onto Bags

Complete These Steps on the Extermination Day

1. **COLLECT ALL FABRIC ITEMS THAT CAN BE WASHED AND DRIED WITH HIGH HEAT AND PLACE THEM IN HEAVY DUTY BLACK PLASTIC BAGS.** Collect and remove all washable fabric items (pillows, sheets, blankets, clothing, rugs, curtains, towels) from all rooms (closets, bedrooms living room, bathrooms and kitchen). Seal and label these bags **"DIRTY LAUNDRY."**
2. **WASH & DRY THESE ITEMS ON HOT AND PLACE THEM IN NEW UNUSED PLASTIC BAGS AND SEAL. LABEL THESE, "CLEAN LAUNDRY".** Wash all items in hot water in a washing machine. Seal and throw away the empty plastic bags. Dry all items on the highest heat setting in the dryer. 2 Cycles works best. Place the clean items in a new, unused plastic bag, then seal and Label them, "CLEAN LAUNDRY". **Do not bring clean bags of items back into the home until after the extermination has been done. Keep bags sealed or off site until a follow up treatment has determined there are no more Bed Bugs.**
3. **REMOVE ALL CLUTTER, TRASH, BOXES, BAGS, FURNATURE, ETC. THAT CAN BE THROWN AWAY.**
4. **ANY ITEMS THAT WON'T BE LAUNDERED OR THROWN OUT MUST BE PLACED IN CONTRACTOR GRADE PLASTIC BAGS AND LEFT OPEN. THIS INCLUDES: BOOKS, KNICKKNACKS, ALARM CLOCKS, SHOES, ETC. OUR**

5. **TECHNICIAN WILL TREAT THESE BAGS WITH A PESTICIDE, AND SEAL THEM. THEY MUST REMAIN SEALED FOR 14 DAYS. AFTER 14 DAYS, THROW AWAY THE BAG AND PESTICIDE STRIP. ITEMS THAT ARE TOO LARGE MAY NEED TO BE THROWN AWAY, OR REMAIN IN THE HOME TO BE TREATED.**
6. **VACUUM ALL SURFACES.** Use a strong suction vacuum on all furniture, mattresses, floors, walls, crevices, heating units, baseboards, picture frames, etc. It can't be emphasized enough, clean every nook and cranny!
7. **DISPOSE OF THE VACUUM BAG.** Immediately place vacuum bag in trash bag. Seal and throw away in a waste container outside of the building.
8. **STEAM CLEAN RUGS, CARPETS, UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE & MATTRESSES.** Use steam extraction. Severe infestations may warrant replacement of mattresses and upholstered furniture.
9. **DESTROY & THROW AWAY INFESTED ITEMS AND FURNITURE YOU ARE WILLING TO DISPOSE OF.** Prevent re-use. When you throw furniture away, use spray paint and paint "BED BUGS" on it and/or slash it with a box cutter or break it apart. Wrap it in plastic and paint "BED BUGS" on the plastic so that no one will pick it up off the street.
10. **SEAL MATTRESSES AND PILLOWS IN ENCASEMENTS.** Completely seal mattress and pillows in a zippered encasement rated to keep Bed Bugs out. Keep sealed for at least one year.
11. **HAVE OUR PROFESSIONAL EXTERMINATOR TREAT THE HOME AND FURNITURE. YOU MUST LEAVE DURING THIS TIME.** Be sure that you are not bringing any Bed Bugs or Bed Bug eggs with you on your return. Eggs can be on your person or belongings, so when you leave, be sure you have a means to shower and get into clean clothes, and seal up or throw out your dirty laundry.
12. **DO NOT VACUUM, FLOORS FOR THREE WEEKS, OR OPEN TREATED BAGS FOR 10 DAYS! Do not bring anything into your home that may have Bed Bugs or Bed Bug Eggs on it!**
13. **BED BUG CONTROL CAN TAKE UP TO THREE WEEKS AS EGGS HATCH AND NEW BUGS APPEAR. IF YOU SEE A BED BUG 3 WEEKS AFTER THE INITIAL TREATMENT, USE A PIECE OF SCOTCH TAPE TO CAPTURE IT, AND BRING IT TO US OR THE PROPERTY MANAGER FOR I.D.**
14. **FOLLOW UP TREATMENT, AND OCCUPANT COOPERATION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE CONTROL.**

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