



Bed Bug Preparation Sheet

How to Prepare for a Bed Bug Treatment

Proper preparation is an essential step for ensuring the most effective results from your upcoming bed bug treatment and will reduce the risk of spreading bed bugs.

You may see some bed bugs in the affected rooms after the initial treatment. Although we strive to eliminate all bed bugs, please be aware they may be reintroduced to your facility immediately after we release the room back to you. Bed bug treatments usually consist of at least two treatments two weeks apart, before the pests are completely eradicated. For heavy infestations, we recommend treating surrounding units prior to the treatment of the infestation source. We do this to keep the pests contained and prevent the infestation from spreading.

1. Wash all linens, bedding materials, clothing, stuffed animals, curtains, etc., on the highest allowable water temperature and dry on the hottest allowable heat settings.
2. All laundered items such as linens, clothing, stuffed animals, etc. should be placed in new plastic bags or plastic containers, sealed tightly and relocated to the center of the living room.
3. All clothing items that cannot be laundered must be dry-cleaned. We recommend leaving these items at the cleaners between the initial treatment and follow-up visit.
4. Remove all items from closets, including any items on closet shelves. Follow the procedure above for laundering all clothing. No items should remain in the closet.
5. Remove all miscellaneous items from dressers, night stands, chests, etc. and place them in plastic bags or sealed plastic containers in the center of the living room floor.
6. Vacuum floors, carpets, and area rugs. Use the crack and crevice attachment around baseboards, bed frames, sofas, and other furniture items. Discard vacuum bags and/or contents in sealed plastic trash bags immediately after use.
7. All luggage that has been used recently during travel must remain empty so that it may be inspected and treated.
8. Remove all shelves, picture frames, artwork, wall clocks, and decorative items from the walls and place on the floor in the same room as they were hanging. These items must be inspected and treated.



9. All large pieces of furniture must be pulled at least 2 feet away from the baseboards in every room.
10. Birds, cats, dogs, and humans must remain out of the home during treatment and at least 3 hours post treatment or 6 hours for pregnant women, children under 1 year old, or anyone with respiratory issues.
11. Fish and reptile tanks must be covered or removed. Air filters and filtration systems for aquatic fish should be turned off prior to treatment.
12. All mattress and box spring covers must be removed from mattresses and box springs prior to our arrival.
13. Remove and discard the box spring backing (the thin, fibrous material that is stapled to the bottom of the box spring) before treatment.
14. Cribs, crib mattresses, and other baby furniture will be inspected and treated as needed.
15. Shoes should be placed in new plastic bags or plastic containers, tightly sealed and relocated to the center of the living room. If shoes can tolerate a dryer cycle, first place them in the dryer on the hottest cycle for 30 minutes. No shoes should be left in a bedroom or closet.
16. Room(s) to be vacant and not to be reoccupied until Acclaimed Pest Control releases the room. Do not remove bags from the room until it is cleared.

The failure to complete these items will significantly hinder Acclaimed Pest Control's ability to control the bed bugs.