Getting Ready for a Bed Bug Treatment

Bed bugs are tough to control. They hide in many places, such as, in beds, closets, furniture, behind pictures, in tiny cracks in the wall, in children’s toys and in DVDs. We need your cooperation. Before we can treat your home, you must prepare your home!

**Beds:**
Remove all sheets, blankets, mattress covers, pillowcases, etc. from your beds and wash them. Dry them in a hot dryer. Fold them and place them in plastic trash bags. Do not put them back on the bed until the evening after your pest control treatment. Also, after treatment we recommend sealing your mattresses and box springs in bed bug proof covers and washing or replacing pillows.

**Closets, Dressers & Other Furniture:**
Remove everything from bedroom closets and hall closets. Your closets must be empty. Take everything out of night stands, dressers, and other furniture. Dresser drawers and night stands must be empty. Remove all clothing, toys, boxes etc. from bedroom floors. Place items in the bathtub. Remove all electric plates.

**Clothing & Linens:**
Wash and dry ALL clothing, towels, and other linens. This means EVERYTHING. Place the clean items inside plastic storage bins or plastic trash bags. Store them in the bath tub until after the treatment. Items that cannot be washed should be put in the freezer for four days. Wash all stuffed toys. Put them in the dryer on the heat cycle for 30 minutes.

**Vacuum:**
Vacuum all floors, furniture, and the inside of closets, dresser drawers, and bed stands. Vacuum bed frames and mattresses. Tilt the mattress and furniture upside down so that you can reach all sides. Concentrate on seams, folds, tufts, and buttons. Empty the vacuum immediately into a sealed bag.

All people and animals must stay out for at least 4 hours after the treatment. The chemical is a water-based chemical and will not harm anything that is water safe. Wait to wash any areas or floors for about 30 days.

It is a good idea to do a follow-up treatment 14-21 days after the initial treatment. Additional follow-up treatments may be necessary.

These are some known bed bug sites: Mattresses, Box Springs, Seams, Buttons, Wheels, Labels, Bed Posts, Headboards, Footboards, Platforms, Items Under Bed, Nightstands, Dressers Desks, Closets, Draperies, Wall Hangings, Light Fixtures, Switch plates, Electric Outlet Covers, Storage Boxes, Smoke Detectors, Thermostats, Television/Stereo, Pet Beds/Cages, Window Moldings, Door Frames, Carpet Edges, Laundry Baskets, and Upholstered Furniture

If you have any questions please give our office a call! 1-800-252-8478