

TENANT BedBug Elimination Preparation Steps

You MUST complete the steps PRIOR to our treatment!

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

___ Don't move any of your belongings to another home during or before the treatment. 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. Move as few items as possible and have them checked for bed bugs (or heat them) before removing them.

___ **Wash** all sheets, blankets, pillowcases, and other bedding in hot water. Place the items in a dryer set on the highest setting that won't damage the items. Dry the items thoroughly and then place them in sealable bags. Keep them separate from items that may be infested.

___ **Wash** all clothing in hot water and then dry on the highest setting allowed for the clothing. 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. Place clothing in sealable bags

___ **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. Place items in sealable bags immediately after drying.

___ Carefully **inspect** all Items that cannot be washed: books, electronics, picture frames, plastic toys, etc. If insecticides are going to be used, place children's toys into plastic bags or storage bins (only if they are bed bug free). If heat is used, the pest Elimination company may want these items left in place so they are exposed to the heat treatment.

___ **Store** cleaned and dried items in plastic bags until your home has been treated and the bed bugs eliminated.

___ **Vacuum** and wash all **floors**. To prevent bed bugs from escaping, be sure to place the vacuum bag into a plastic bag before disposing of it. Spray the vacuum with 91% Rubbing Alcohol when done.

___ **Vacuum** the **mattress** and **box spring** to remove live/dead bed bugs. Double bag and discard the vacuum bags in an outdoor trash can immediately to avoid re-introducing or spreading any bed bugs caught in the vacuum. Spray the vacuum with 91% Rubbing Alcohol when done.

___ **Vacuum** **couches**, **chairs** and **recliners** thoroughly. Bed bugs are often found in couches and upholstered chairs. If possible, turn the furniture over or on its side/back and vacuum underneath as well. If there is a dust cover attached on the underside, pull it back and vacuum areas that will need to be treated. Double-bag and discard the vacuum bags in an outdoor trashcan immediately to avoid re-introducing or spreading any bed bugs caught in the vacuum. Spray the vacuum with 91% Rubbing Alcohol when done.

___ Encase all mattress and boxspring: You MUST use "**Original Bed Bug Blocker Zippered Mattress Cover Protector**" or something equivalent. These are sold at Walmart



___ Beds, Couches, Chairs, Recliners must NOT touch any wall

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___ Spray all bedding and upholstered furniture with **91% Rubbing Alcohol**

___ A cluttered home is difficult to inspect and more difficult to treat because bed bugs can find many hiding places. Throw away unneeded items. Pick up and double bag all loose items in bedrooms (e.g., in the bottom of a closet) and other rooms that will be treated. Make sure that these items are treated (if needed) or inspected before returning these items to make sure you are not also returning bed bugs to the treated room(s).

___ Provide access to walls, closets, and areas around furniture to allow for a thorough inspection and treatment.

- ___ Remove small appliances, and other small items from countertops. Place in sealed plastic bags!
- ___ The basement **MUST** be clean & DRY! Remove **EVERYTHING** from the basement floor, discard all trash and encumbrances from the basement
- ___ ANY leaks **MUST** be fixed prior to pest Elimination visit! Everywhere **MUST** be completely **dry**!
- ___ **Remove** ALL garbage, trash, loose/used paper products from the premises.
- ___ Be sure that the pest Elimination professional has free and full access to anywhere that BedBugs have been seen.
- ___ All people **MUST** stay out of the area being serviced for the length of time a minimum of 5 hours.
- ___ **No pets allowed** on the premises 1 week before, during and forever after the treatment. If a pet is found on the premises the total cost for the pest control official will be charged to the Tenant (around \$1,200)