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Preparation for Bed Bug Treatment

- 1. Remove all bedding (sheets, comforters, pillows) and place in plastic bags (seal them tightly). Wash all bedding in hot water. After washing, place all clean bedding in new plastic bags (seal them tightly). Discard old plastic bags outside for garbage removal, do not re-use. Wash or replace pillows.
- 2. Remove all items from beneath the bed.
- 3. Vacuum bed frames, box springs and mattresses (pay special attention to the edges, buttons and tufts). Also vacuum the floors, rugs and around baseboards. All shoes must be vacuumed as well. Place vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and discard outside for garbage removal.
- 4. Empty all closets, dressers, book shelves, wall units, hutches, break fronts, etc. throughout the residence, including platform between drawers (if any). All items that have been removed from these areas should be inspected, cleaned and put into plastic bags and sealed tightly. All of the above mentioned areas must be vacuumed once they have been emptied to help eliminate any live bed bugs or eggs which may be present. Also remove all framed pictures and decorative items from walls and vacuum. Place vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and discard outside for garbage removal.
- 5. Wash all clothes prior to treatment. After washing, place clean clothes in new plastic bags (seal them tightly). Discard old plastic bags outside for garbage removal, do not re-use.
- 6. You must keep closets, dressers, book shelves, wall units, hutches, break fronts, etc empty in preparation for the follow-up treatment. It is the customer's responsibility to call for the follow-up service approximately 3 weeks after the original treatment.
- 7. Pregnant women must consult their physician regarding this treatment and submit written authorization before service can be provided.
- 8. Toddlers under the age of 1 must be out of the apartment a minimum of 24 hours. Anyone with an asthmatic condition must stay out of the apartment a minimum of 48 hours.
- 9. The apartment must be vacant for a minimum of 4 hours following the treatment or until product(s) is/are completely dry.
- 10. All pets must be out of the apartment for at least 6 hours. Birds must be out of the apartment for 24 hours. Fish tanks must be covered tight with plastic and the filter must be turned off.
- 11. After bed bug treatment has been provide, we strongly recommend that mattress encasements be used on all mattresses to avoid contact with the products used in the treatment.