



Bed Bug Preparation

How to prepare for treatment:

Adult bedbugs are reddish brown, flat, and oval in appearance. A common misconception is that they are not visible to the naked eye; however adults grow to approximately ¼ inch long. Bedbugs particularly like wood and fabric. They hide in cracks, crevices, narrow spaces and voids in proximity to the where humans sleep or rest, such as beds and bed frames, nightstands, dressers, desks, recliners, and sofas. Heavier infestations spread behind baseboards, in windows and door casings. Look for them behind items attached to walls and ceilings, pictures, electrical switch plates, smoke detectors, loose wallpaper, in the pleats of drapes, and upholstery of furniture. Bedbugs can be difficult to eliminate. Depending on the infestation, more than one treatment may be necessary. To maximize the effectiveness of the treatment, it is important to prepare in advance.

BEFORE TREATMENT:

- Remove clutter off floors and away from walls.
- Launder bed linens, bedspread, etc., in **HOT** water. Leave the bed unmade.
- Wash clothes in **HOT** water or have them dry cleaned.
- Remove **ALL** items from drawers (nightstands, dressers, desks, etc.) All drawers must be treated.
- Remove switch plates from outlets and switches.
- Remove any items that are mounted to the walls (ex. Pictures, mirrors, etc.) Do not remove from the room as these items may require treatment.
- VACUUM thoroughly (every other day)
- Purchase mattress covers for mattress and box spring

AFTER TREATMENT:

- Open as many windows as possible (weather permitting)
- Leave your home for 4 to 8 hours.
- DO NOT CLEAN FLOORS FOR 2-3 WEEKS! Carpeted areas can be vacuumed
- Install mattress covers on mattress and box spring

NOTE: It's not uncommon to receive bites following a treatment. You need to give the treatment time to work (7-10 days). If instructions are not followed, you will significantly reduce the effectiveness of the treatment. This could lead to further treatments and costs.