

The following preparation steps are vital for a successful bed bug treatment and complete eradication. These steps must be followed in all rooms identified by your technician as infested. All steps need to be completed prior to your technician's scheduled arrival for the first treatment.

- Pick up all clothes on floors or furniture and run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes. Place these clean, dry clothes in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed.
- Remove all clothing items from storage areas such as cabin beds or beds with built-in storage and dry at high heat for a minimum of 40 minutes. Place these clothes in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed.
- Declutter, as this will assist in removing potential bed bug harborages. Check items for signs of infestation.
- Move all furniture items away from the walls to allow access to the baseboards around the entire room.
- It is not necessary to remove clean clothing or other items from drawers or cupboards unless these items are within 5 feet of a bed or clearly infested (visible bed bugs). Ornaments and other items can be left in place.
- Vacuum baseboards to remove dust build-up from these areas. Remove the vacuum cleaner bag or contents of the canister, place in a plastic bag, and dispose of in the trash can outside your apartment/home.
- Cover fish tanks, terrariums, and small animal cages with a clean towel or sheet.
- Dismantling of bed frames will be performed as part of the service program. If your bed frame requires special tools to dismantle, please have these tools available for your technician.
- We will remove the cheesecloth on the underside of each box spring for the required treatment application.
- Remove all sheets, covers, dust ruffles, comforters, pillows, and any other bedding covers from your mattress and box spring in all bedrooms being treated. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes.
- DO NOT RE-ENTER TREATED AREAS FOR 4 HOURS AFTER SERVICE.***
- DO NOT SPRAY ANY PESTICIDES OR CLEANING PRODUCTS IN TREATED AREAS AFTER THE TREATMENT. THIS WILL RESULT IN CONTROL FAILURE.***
- IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT SLEEPING LOCATIONS NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE INITIAL INSPECTION. CHANGING SLEEPING LOCATIONS CAN PULL BED BUG INFESTATIONS TO NEW AREAS OF THE HOME AND INCREASE THE TOTAL TREATMENT COSTS.***
- Allow the treatment time to work. Do not clean or remove the spray barriers. In most cases, barriers will have been applied in inconspicuous areas, but if the infestation was suspected behind baseboards or electrical outlets, a 2" spray barrier may have been applied on the wall above or around these installations. Under certain lighting conditions, these barriers may be visible. Leave these in place until you are certain that the infestation has been eradicated. The barrier will remain active for up to 3 months if left undisturbed but is easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required.