

Bed Bug Treatment Preparation

Preparing your home for treatment is essential in eliminating bed bugs. Without proper preparations, treatment will be unsuccessful.

Before Treatment:

All clutter should be removed from the treatment area. Vacuum mattress, box springs, bed frame and flooring, and any cloth furniture. Remember to vacuum all sides and under couches chairs and other over stuffed furniture. Dispose of vacuum bags after completion. Book stands, dressers, shelving units, night stands, desks and closets must be emptied prior to treatment. Examine items to make sure there are no bed bugs, then seal in a container such as a plastic bag or plastic tote. Remember to tightly seal openings with tape so bed bugs cannot enter after being examined.

All clothing, bed linens including pillows and curtains should be placed in a hot dryer for 30-40 minutes. Heat of 120-135 degrees will kill all stages of bed bugs. Our saying is, if it can withstand the heat, dry it. This includes shoes, back bags and other items that will not be ruined by drying in heat. Follow manufacturers instructions regarding drying. After items are dried, seal in a container such as a plastic bag or plastic tote. Remember to tightly seal openings with tape so bed bugs cannot enter after being dried. **You can do these preparations any time prior to treatment, as long as items are tightly sealed in a container so bed bugs can not re-infest.**

It is recommended that all mattresses and box springs be covered with a bed bug encasement. Contact our office and we can provide you with the appropriate size for any mattress.

Should you chose to dispose of items prior to treatment, wrap and seal all items tightly with plastic so you do not spread the infestation to other areas of the home.

Remove plug and switch plate covers.

* Please Note: Bentson Pest Management technicians take care of your personal items during treatments, however, **WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS THAN MAY BE SCRATHED OF BROKEN DURING TREATMENT. PLEASE REMOVE ANY ITEMS FROM THE TREATMENT AREA THAT MAY BE OF CONCERN TO YOU.**

After Treatment:

Stay out of treated areas for 4-6 hours. Keep clutter and clothing to a minimum until you are sure the bed bugs are eliminated. Heavy infestations often require follow up treatments in 2 weeks to 30 days. Preparation is the same for each treatment and limiting your items will make it easier to prepare for a follow up treatment.