

## **HOW TO PREPARE FOR A BED BUG TREATMENT**

Bed bugs hitchhike on clothing, bedding, bags, furniture, appliances, etc. You may pick them up from a hotel or private residence, or they may have been brought in on an item, or by a visitor. While you may bring them into your home unwittingly, the exterminator will not be successful in eliminating them without your complete cooperation. Insecticides alone will not eliminate a bed bug problem. You must follow the instructions below as well as possible.

### **YOU WILL NEED**

- Strong trash bags with ties.
- Access to a dryer.
- Vacuum cleaner with disposable or washable bag/canister

### **Complete these steps to the best of your ability prior to the pest control service.**

1. ***Collect all fabric items and place in plastic bags.*** Collect and remove ALL washable fabric items (pillows, sheets, blankets, clothing , rugs, curtains , towels) from bedrooms, living rooms, family rooms, including closet floors, or any other area where people sit, sleep, or rest. Place into trash bags and seal.
2. ***Remove all*** of the bags from your home.
3. ***Dry items on HOT, then seal them in bags.*** Dry ALL items on the highest heat setting in a dryer. Place the clean items in NEW, UNUSED PLASTIC BAGS AND TIE CLOSED. Do not bring the clean bags of clean laundry into the home until after the service is complete:
4. ***Remove all clutter, boxes, bags, etc. Vacuum all surfaces*** with a strong suction vacuum. (All furniture, mattresses, floors, crevices, baseboards, picture frames, etc.)
5. ***Dispose of the vacuum bag.*** Immediately place vacuum bag in trash bag and place in a waste container outside of the building, or empty vacuum canister in the same place.
6. ***Have home treated professionally. Any questions about preparation or follow-up can be posed to the pest control professional.***
7. ***Return clean items to your home.***

**If step are not attempted at all, we reserve the right to refuse service, prep the items at an additional charge, or there will be no Warranty issued.**

**\*It is necessary to be out of your home for approximately 3 hours after completion of the treatment.**

**\*A follow-up service will be necessary in approximately 2 weeks, and at that time the bedding will need to be stripped down for inspection purposes.**