

Bed Bug Preparation Sheet

The following items MUST be prepared prior to treatment. Without the proper preparations and customer cooperation, Preyon Pest Control cannot guarantee control of the infestation.

- Remove all comforters, blankets, sheets, and pillow cases from beds **PRIOR TO EACH SERVICE** and place in dryer on high heat for at least 30 minutes. Linens may be returned to the beds after the treatment that evening.
- Remove all clothing and items from nightstands. Place clothing in the dryer on high for at least 30 minutes and store in sealed plastic bags or containers. Clothing must remain in the bags or containers until the technician instructs you to return them (between 1-3 weeks). All other items in the nightstands must be inspected and stored in sealed plastic bags or containers.
- Remove all items from under beds (shoes etc.) and place in sealed plastic containers to be treated. All clothes located under the bed must be placed in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes.
- Remove all items from the floor of the closets and place in sealed plastic bags or containers.
- All stuffed animals and plush toys should be placed in the dryer on high for at least 30 minutes and stored in sealed plastic bags or containers for the duration of the treatment process (at least one month).
- Residence must be free of excess clutter and storage. All items stored in plastic containers or bags must be stored in the middle of the room or in an area where they do not interfere with the service.
- All computers and electronics must be unplugged in the bedrooms and living areas before each service.
- All luggage must be emptied and available for inspection and treatment. Any clothing that was in the luggage must be placed in the dryer on high heat for at least 30 minutes and stored in sealed plastic bags or containers.
- Remove and launder all drapes within a 2ft area of a bed, couch, or upholstered chair and place in sealed plastic bags or containers.
- All end tables and coffee tables must have all items removed, inspected and placed in sealed plastic bags or containers.
- All plastic toys must be submerged in the bathtub, in hot water, for a couple of hours, and stored in sealed plastic bags or containers.

Infant cribs and mattresses will only be visually inspected by Preyon Pest Control. No pesticide application will be made on infant cribs or mattresses. The client is responsible for cleaning and/or disposal of infant crib and mattress.

LAUNDRY DIRECTIONS: It is necessary that all garments be laundered in hot water (>60°C or >140°F) or placed into a dryer on the highest setting for a minimum of 30 minutes (>40°C or >104°F). The dryer must be capable of reaching a temperature of >40°C to kill all stages and not be loaded to more than 50% capacity. All laundered items must remain out of the treatment area during service. Clothing and fabrics associated with beds/sofas cannot be treated with pesticides due to the prolonged contact with skin. It is for this reason that this step is crucial and necessary to ensure the treatment program does not fail with the re-introduction of bedbugs from infested clothing.

All persons and pets must vacate the property during the service and not return for at least four hours after the treatment. All fish tanks must have air intakes disconnected and the tanks must be covered in plastic.

Warning: Removing infested items from the infested unit or room may increase the spreading of your bed bug problem. Do not remove items from infested rooms except those that have been properly placed in sealed heavy-duty plastics bags to be laundered.

Post-treatment actions to be performed by the Homeowner

The follow-up service will occur approximately 1-2 weeks after the initial treatment. To reduce the amount of work to be completed by the homeowner in preparation of this follow-up service we advise you not to completely reassemble your home until this service has been performed. These accompanying measures should be taken during the period between the initial and follow-up services:

- Do not tamper with any of the devices left in place. Mattress and box spring encasements are available for purchase through your service technician and should be installed during or soon after the initial service. These will protect the mattresses and box springs from becoming re-infested and will prevent bedbugs potentially already within these objects from re-infesting the home.
- Where possible, clothing should remain in sealed plastic bags to prevent potential re-infestation. Bags must be kept sealed at all times. Where the homeowner wishes to place clothing back into dressers and closets these items will need to be removed, bagged and re-laundered prior to the follow-up service.
- Please leave all other objects in their original state of preparation until the follow-up service has been completed, i.e. electrical outlet covers removed, pictures off of the walls, etc.
- Do not introduce any new or used furniture or any other potentially infested items not previously in unit
- Future prevention against bedbugs for homeowners
- When travelling both outside of and within the country be sure to inspect hotel rooms to ensure they are free of bedbugs. Inspect the bed, box spring and mattress, paying close attention to the mattress piping, plastic protective caps for the box spring, and the headboard. When returning home bag and launder all clothing and be sure to inspect suitcases for bedbugs – this stage is preferably done outside or in a garage.
- Do not buy used furniture, electronics or beds unless you can verify their origin and are confident they are free of potential bedbug presence.
- Periodically perform an inspection of your home focusing on the sleeping quarters and inspecting the bed and furniture in close proximity to the bed. Never open the box spring or mattress encasement covers. Bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices and prefer wood and fabric surfaces so they will be found in these areas most often.
- Bedbugs are highly mobile but typically remain close to the host. They are generally only active at night to avoid detection however can be found when inspecting areas where they like to hide.

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Prevention & Control

Bed Bug Identification and Inspection

IDENTIFICATION

Bed bugs are flat, oval, wingless insects up to about one-fourth of an inch long. Unfed adults are reddish brown and resemble apple seeds in size and shape. Their bodies elongate after ingesting blood. Bed bug eggs are cylindrical and, like the newly hatched nymphs, about one-sixteenth of an inch long and somewhat translucent. Upon feeding, nymphs become bright red.

In most cases, pesticides and other control measures should not be applied until bed bugs are identified by an entomologist or other professional.



Adult bed bug

Photo: Armed Forces Pest Management Board

SIGNS OF INFESTATION



Bed bug nymphs before and after feeding

Photo: University of Minnesota

- Live or dead bed bugs
- Bed bug eggs (adhering to crevices)
- Shed exoskeletons (amber colored “shells”)
- Excrement (reddish brown to black specks and smears)
- Musty sweet odor (in heavily infested areas)

NOTE: The appearance of bed bug bites varies among individuals. Because there are many possible causes for skin reactions that resemble bites, the presence of marks consistent with bed bug bites

should be attributed to bed bugs only where specimens have been identified. Visible skin reactions may not appear for two weeks after bites, or they may not appear at all. It can be difficult to determine a bite’s origin.

INSPECTION

Adequate lighting, a flashlight and a magnifying glass or hand lens are essential when inspecting for bed bugs. Infestations are often confined to the mattress, box springs and bed frame. Usually they are found within 20 feet of the bed. However, in heavily infested structures bed bugs can be found hiding in virtually any crevice or void. Some places to look for bed bugs are:

- Bed frames, mattresses, box springs
- Nightstands
- Couches and recliners
- Floor cracks and grooves
- Edges of rugs and carpeting, tack strips
- Loosened wallpaper and peeling paint
- Behind baseboards, wall and ceiling moldings
- Wall art and decorations
- Switches, outlets and smoke detectors
- Window and door frames
- Drapery and blinds