

# Preparation Guide for Bed Bugs

Absolute Pest Control Inc. will be entering your home on \_\_\_\_\_ to treat for Bed Bugs.

Prior to their arrival, please prepare for the treatment by following the below steps:

1. Throughout your home, including the basement if you have one, move all furniture away from the walls by 12 -18 inches. This will allow the technician full access to all baseboard areas.
2. In your bedrooms, please remove all bedding from the beds. Wash the sheets and blankets and place in sealed plastic bags.
3. Remove all items in dressers and night tables, including paper and personal pieces. These should be placed in sealed plastic bags. You can leave the drawers in the dressers and night tables.
4. Launder all of your clothing and store in large pest proof plastic containers or sealed bags, this will minimize the chance of recontamination. Please note that blankets and pillows cannot be treated, these items should also be washed and/or replaced if possible. All closets in your home must be emptied completely and nothing should be hanging or left on the floor.
5. Do not pile items on top of mattresses or couches. The technician will need access to these areas, so please to not block them.
6. Children's stuffed animals should be washed and placed in sealed plastic bags.
7. Wash curtains and/or drapes, concentrating on the seams. Place in plastic bags and seal.
8. Vacuum your entire home including mattresses, box springs, pillows, and upholstered furniture.
9. Once you are finished vacuuming, place the vacuum bag in a garbage bag, as bed bugs or eggs may have been collected and discard immediately.
10. Any items that are stored underneath beds should be removed and inspected thoroughly for the presence of bed bugs. After inspecting these items, you can store them in pest proof containers or sealed plastic bags. You are responsible for the items stored outside of the treatment area and that they are free of bed bugs. By not taking great care in ensuring these items are pest free, you risk re-infesting your home after the service.
11. Remove all small items and standing picture frames and store in a safe place.
12. Leaf through books and inspect items such as CDs and DVDs for the presence of bed bugs. After inspecting, store in an airtight plastic container or sealed plastic bag.
13. If you live in an apartment unit, pull off the radiator covers. All homes should have the electrical outlet covers removed.

14. Everyone must be away from the home for a minimum of 4 to 6 hours. If anyone is pregnant or nursing, under the age of one, has severe allergies, respiratory problems such as asthma, or heart conditions, it is recommended they remain outside of the home for at least 24 hours.
15. All pets must be removed from the house for a minimum of 4 - 6 hours. Birds must be away for 24 hours and fish tanks need to have the air pump unplugged and the tank covered.

After the treatment and you re-enter your home do not wash baseboards, door/window frames, and bed frames for at least 3 to 4 weeks. However, you do need to wash all kitchen countertops and other food preparation surfaces. Before sleeping, cover your mattress with clean sheets. After 3 weeks, a technician will return to your home for a follow up service.

Please note that if you do not properly prepare for your service appointment, we may not be able to treat the area effectively. As a result, you may still have bed bugs at the end of our control process.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Absolute Pest Control

