

## Preparation Instructions for Bed Bug Treatment

Bugaboo Pest Control treats for bed bugs in a three treatment process with each treatment two weeks apart. Making sure that your home is fully prepared for each treatment will help ensure that we rid your home of these pests.

1. Be prepared to leave the home during treatment and for the number of hours afterward as recommended by the pest control technician. In many cases, this will be at least two hours.
2. Remove all pets from the home during the time of treatment excluding fish tanks. Fish tanks are to be covered with plastic wrap, and pumps turned off until reoccupying home.
3. **Replace the Bed Linens After EACH Treatment.** Remove all bedding including sheets, comforters, covers, dust ruffles, and any other mattress covers from the mattresses and box spring in all bedrooms. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible. PLACE IN CLEAN BAGS AND SEAL. Do not replace the bed linens until four hours after treatment.
4. If any mattresses, box springs, or other furniture are in poor or ripped condition and infested, they should be placed in large plastic storage bags available at moving or storage stores, then removed from your home and discarded. Note: The pest control technician may need to remove the backing from box springs that salvageable in order to treat all harborage areas.
5. Remove all personal items including clothes, toys, shoes, stored materials, etc., from the furniture and floor area throughout the home.
6. Remove everything from ALL closets. Completely empty all bedroom drawers and empty all books and items from bookcases prior to treatment.

7. Clean or launder ALL clothing in the hottest water possible and store in clean storage bags until treatments are complete. Any stuffed toys or other fabric-based personal items should be run through a pre-heated, hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 15 minutes and left in clean plastic bags until treatments are complete.
8. **PRIOR TO FIRST TREATMENT ONLY:** Vacuum all of carpeting, bedding, bed frame, backs of pictures, and other areas bedbugs are seen. **IMMEDIATELY** empty the vacuum cleaner bag and dispose of it in an exterior dumpster or trash. **Do Not Vacuum any beds, bed frames or other areas that were treated with pesticides during the treatment process.**
9. To give the treatment time to work, do not shampoo or clean floors or carpets for at least three weeks after the treatment.
10. All laundry that is not being used must remain sealed in clean plastic bags until third treatment is complete.
11. All large and bulky items must be pulled away from the wall so that the baseboards may be treated.
12. **ALL BEDS MUST BE ON FRAMES. NO MATTRESSES LEFT ON FLOORS. NOT ALL BED FRAMES CAN BE SALVAGED. METAL HOLLYWOOD FRAMES ARE THE BEST HOWEVER THE TECHNICIAN WILL LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR FRAME CAN BE SAVED. FUTONS AND OTHER FRAME TYPES WITH MANY AREAS BED BUGS CAN HIDE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO BE KEPT.**