

## *BED BUGS*

### Bed Bug Preparation Sheet

All people and pets must be prepared to leave the home for at least 6 hours upon our arrival.

Anybody that is pregnant, under the age of 2 or has respiratory issues must leave the home for at least 24 hours.

Please complete the following BEFORE your treatment. If you have any questions, please call our office for clarification

Remove all linens from each bed in the home, not just the active room(s). Put all linens into bags and ensure there are no items left under or around the beds.

Remove everything from the dresser drawers and place all of the clothing into bags.

Place any clothing that is below waist level or on the floor into separate bags.

Hanging clothes and non-clothing items in the closet(s) can be left where they are.

All of the bagged items are to be placed in the dryer on the highest heat they can safely

handle, for at least 40 minutes. This can be done before or after the initial treatment. The items **CANNOT GO BACK INTO THE DRESSER DRAWERS UNTIL AFTER THE SECOND SERVICE.**

Please clear out all bedside tables and end tables, exposing the drawer. Bookcases, china cabinets, shelving etc. do not need to be touched.

**Our technicians have equipment and machines to treat around these areas without disturbing them.**

Unplug electronics and have the faceplates removed from the electrical outlets and light switches.

No preparation is needed in the kitchen.

Vacuum all floor areas prior to treatment. Discard vacuum bag or rinse out immediately afterwards.

Fish tanks need to be unplugged and a towel put over top for the duration of treatment.

**If you have any questions regarding the preparation, please call or email our office for details and clarification.**

## *BED Bug: After Treatment*

### **Bed Bug After-Treatment Guidelines**

TruTech has developed these sets of guidelines for what you should expect and do after we complete a treatment for bed bugs.

1. You could see bed bugs crawling around. They could be on your sheets, on the floor etc. This is very unusual behaviour for bed bugs and means they have been treated and are slowly dying. You can either pick them up and put them down the toilet or vacuum them. Either way, you should kill them.
2. You should keep sleeping in the bedroom areas, so they keep active. This will keep them coming out which will make them walk through the residual pesticide which will kill them.
3. Please DON'T put on plastic bed covers. These covers actually prevent us from treating your suite and help the bed bugs to hide and multiply more! We recommend either a durable bed bug fabric encasement or nothing at all.

4. Keep all clothing etc. quarantined until the second treatment and you know they have been eradicated. This means keeping clothes that have been washed and dried in plastic bags/totes. This is to keep clothes being re-infected.

5. Do not bring any new furniture/bedding into your home until the second treatment has been done and we are sure the bed bugs have been eliminated.

6. Please do not clean the residual up as this is what kills the bugs

7. To break the life cycle of the bed bug, a second treatment must be done within 10- 14 days. This is the time when the eggs will hatch and if the juvenile bed bugs are not eliminated, the process starts all over again.

**The process of bed bug control takes the involvement of all involved. As pest controllers, we cannot do it without your help.**