



Bed Bugs Removal Checklist- Spray

To ensure the effectiveness of the bed bug treatment, the property must be fully prepared prior to service. Please follow the checklist below to complete all necessary preparations before the technician arrives.

All residents 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 (like asthma) 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.

Bed Bugs: Removal Preparation Checklist

- Remove all bed linens from each bed in the home, not just the active room(s). Put all linens into garbage 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 and other items 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 dresser drawers until after the second service.**
- Bag all shoes. After treatment, inspect shoes for any remaining bedbugs before bringing them back into use.
- 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 to treat around these areas without disturbing them.
- Unplug electronics and unscrew the faceplates from the electrical outlets and light switches.

- Vacuum all floor areas prior to treatment. Discard the vacuum bag or rinse it out immediately afterwards.
- Fish tanks need to be unplugged and a towel put over top for the duration of treatment.
- No preparation is needed in the kitchen.

Bed Bugs: After Treatment Checklist

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

1. You may observe bed bugs moving in open areas, such as bedding or along the floor. This behaviour is atypical, as bed bugs generally remain hidden. Increased visibility often occurs following treatment, as the product affects them and they become disoriented before dying.
2. If live bed bugs are seen, they should be promptly eliminated. This can be done by carefully vacuuming them or disposing of them in the toilet.
3. 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.
4. Please **do not** 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.
5. Keep all clothing, etc. quarantined until the second treatment is completed and you know they have been eradicated. This means keeping clothing that has been washed and dried in plastic bags. This is to keep clothing from being re-infected.
6. 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.
7. Please do not clean up the residual, as this is what kills the bugs.
8. 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.
9. If you are still seeing bed bug activity 4 weeks after treatment, please contact our office for next steps.

The process of bed bug control takes the involvement of all involved. As pest controllers, we cannot do it without your help. If you have any questions regarding the preparation, please call or email our office for details and clarification.

