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*What will I need to do to prepare my home for an effective treatment?*

**The most important step in a proper and effective bed bug treatment is preparation on the part of the homeowner. Even if bed bugs are not suspected in every room, it is necessary for all rooms to be treated. Treatments for bed bugs are most effective when the homeowner follows the recommended steps advised by the pest control operator. Working closely with and listening to recommendations of your pest control operator will result in the most effective and smooth treatment process.**

- Bag all clothing, bedding materials, curtains, bed pads, furniture dressings, etc. and seal bags to best of ability. Attempt to do this in each room individually to eliminate possibility of transport of any bed bugs to another room. All washables need to be laundered in hot water, above 120 degrees, and dried using the hottest dry cycle available. Although more costly, it is highly recommended having all washables dry cleaned in order to reach the desired temperature during cleaning. The customer should be prepared to have all washables removed and washed during treatment and items should remain in sealed bags until chemical treatment is completed. Be sure not to use the same bag to transport washables to and from the home.
- All closets and drawers should be emptied to allow thorough crack and crevice treatment to be performed. If bed bugs are not present in items from drawers, place items in sealed containers.
- Large furniture items should be moved away from baseboards so all baseboards can be thoroughly treated.
- Dismantle bed frame and other large furniture if possible.
- Vacuum all floors, seams of mattresses, box springs, couches, etc., prior to treatment. Once complete throw out the bag and remove it from the home in a sealed plastic bag.
- Tear off the backs of all box springs, and undersides of all couches, chairs, etc. to allow access of frames for treatment.
- Make all perimeter walls accessible for inspection and treatment.
- Remove all clutter from floors, especially in rooms of suspected bed bug activity.
- Remove pictures, clocks, posters, electrical outlet covers and other wall hangings from walls.
- Make sure all rooms and closets are unlocked for thorough inspection and treatment.
- Throw away all old newspapers and magazines.
- Customer should prepare in advance to have all family and pets leave the home for at least 4 hours to allow sufficient treatment and subsequent ventilation. If possible, it is recommended to sleep elsewhere the evening of treatment.

**Again, the more preparation done by the customer, the more effective the treatment will be. Little or no preparation will result in poor control results. The effect of treatment should be apparent within the first few days, with long-term control taking two or more weeks, depending on pre-treatment preparations and size of the infestation.**

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I have read and agree to the above preparations asked of me by Infestation Control Inc. prior to a treatment for bed bugs. I understand if the structure is not prepared correctly at time of arrival I will be billed a \$100 fee for lost time and travel and will need to reschedule my appointment for a later date.

Customer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_