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Preparations for treatment of Bed Bugs

It is essential that the following preparations be made in order to complete an effective treatment:

1. Completely empty ALL dressers and closets in bedrooms (leave empty drawers in the dressers). Put all items from dressers and closets into plastic bags. Items that can be laundered should be washed and dried on HIGH heat to kill all stages of bed bugs. Any delicate clothing should be dry-cleaned as per the clothing label. Clean and dried clothing should then be placed into new, unused plastic bags.
2. Carefully remove all bedding (sheets, pillow cases, comforters, dust ruffles, blankets, and pillows) and place them into plastic bags. All bedding should be washed and dried on HIGH heat. Clean and dried bedding should then be placed into new, unused plastic bags.
3. Carefully remove all drapes/curtains in infested rooms (bedrooms, living room, etc.) and place them into plastic bags. Wash and HIGH heat dry or dry clean per label instructions. Clean and dried drapes/curtains should then be placed into new, unused plastic bags.
4. Provide EPM with the sizes and number of bed bug proof mattress encasements that will be needed for the treatment (please inquire with EPM for current pricing and availability). All mattresses and box springs will need to be encased and EPM will install the encasements during treatment.
5. Thoroughly vacuum all rooms – including all stuffed furniture. Empty vacuum canister/bag outside into a plastic bag and discard.
6. Cluttered/crowded conditions should be eliminated (piles of clothing, stacks of magazines, boxes filled with personal items, crowded closets, etc.). Remove all items from under beds. The more crowded and/or cluttered the conditions, the more difficult it is to treat and achieve control, as these conditions provide ample areas for bed bugs to harbor.
7. Do NOT spray any over-the-counter sprays (i.e Raid, Hot Shot, etc.) before or after treatment. Using these sprays can scatter bed bugs into other areas and reduce the success of our treatment. The materials we use are specifically designed to be undetectable to bed bugs and will be counteracted by the over-the-counter sprays.
8. Following treatment, you will need to wait at least 2 hours before re-entering your home.

PLEASE NOTE: Failure to follow preparation instructions properly may result in the treatment not being as thorough or effective.

*****Technicians reserve the right to refuse service at the scheduled treatment time if preparations are not completed as listed above. This may result in a cancellation charge.***

***** If a bed bug treatment is scheduled, cancellation of that treatment after the close of business the day prior may result in a cancellation charge, at the discretion of EPM.***

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What to Expect after your Bed Bug Treatment

- ✓ Allow time for the application to dry thoroughly. Do not wipe down treated areas (i.e. baseboards, bed frames, furniture, etc.). If you happen to contact wet surfaces, wash your hands/feet with warm soapy water.
- ✓ **DO NOT** spray any over-the-counter chemical sprays, as they will interfere with the materials that were applied by EPM. If you find live bed bugs, they should be physically removed with a vacuum, tissue or paper towel.
- ✓ Please keep in mind that there is no immediate, overnight solution to getting rid of bed bugs. The treatment is a process that is reliant on the life-cycle of the bed bugs, which cannot be rushed or sped-up. Most bed bug control plans require a second treatment, and depending on the level of infestation, there may be subsequent or additional treatments after that. Your cooperation and adherence to the instructions provided will ensure that the treatment will be the most effective.
- ✓ After treatment, increased bed bug activity may occur. This is an unfortunate, but normal part of the process, as the bed bugs need to come in contact with the applied material. Take note of any bed bug sightings and/or bites seen after the initial treatment and report them to us prior to, or at the time of the follow-up treatment.
- ✓ Clean and dry all bedding items at least once per week on high heat and return them to the beds. DO NOT remove the mattress encasements for any reason and make sure that the encasements do not get torn or punctured.
- ✓ After all linens, clothing, and curtains are washed and/or dried on high heat, they can be returned to the treated bed, dressers, closets and windows.
- ✓ Cluttered/crowded conditions should be eliminated, as they provide ample areas for bed bugs to harbor. The more crowded and/or cluttered the rooms, the more difficult it is to treat and achieve control.
- ✓ A follow-up treatment should be scheduled approximately 3-4 weeks after the initial service. This treatment will not require the same amount of preparation as the initial service, but is necessary to ensure that there is enough residual material to achieve complete control.

**If you have any additional questions, you can visit our website at: epestman.com/bedbugs or feel free to contact our office at 724-349-7900.

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