

# Environmental Pest Management, Inc.

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## Preparations for treatment of Fleas

It is essential that the following preparations be made BEFORE treatment to ensure effective control:

1. Thoroughly vacuum entire apartment or house – including all stuffed furniture and under all beds and furniture. Dispose of vacuum bag or empty vacuum outside of the home/apartment when finished.
2. All loose items must be removed from floor. They can be placed on beds.
3. All closet floors must be free of items.
4. Prepare to leave the apartment/house (including pets) for 2 to 3 hours after the treatment is complete.
5. All pet bedding must be washed.
6. Have pets treated for fleas by your veterinarian.
7. Cover fish tanks with plastic or aluminum foil.

\*\*If the above preparations are not made, the apartment/house may not be thoroughly treated, and the flea control treatment may not be as effective.



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## What to Expect after your Flea Treatment

**\*\*Do NOT expect all fleas to be gone immediately after treatment\*\***

- ✓ Allow time for the application to dry thoroughly. Do not wipe down treated areas (i.e. baseboards, floors, carpets, 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. You may continue to see live fleas after treatment, and they will need to contact the material in order to be killed.
- ✓ Wait 24 hours after a home has been treated to resume normal vacuuming, in order to give the insecticide time to work.
- ✓ Continue vacuuming for 2-3 weeks at intervals of 3-4 days. The vacuum's mechanical pressure will improve the effectiveness of the insecticide by stimulating unhatched fleas to emerge from their protective pupae cases.
- ✓ After treatment, increased flea activity may occur. This is an unfortunate, but normal part of the process, as the adult fleas need to come in contact with the applied material. Take note of the activity levels and report them to EPM prior to the follow-up treatment.
- ✓ Expect to see some adult fleas for up to 3 weeks after the treatment. Flea pupae are protected from insecticides by their cocoons. They will continue to emerge over a period of 1-3 weeks. Once the adults are exposed to the insecticide residual they will be eliminated.
- ✓ Cluttered/crowded conditions should be eliminated as much as possible (piles of clothing, boxes filled with personal items, crowded closets, etc.), as they provide ample areas for fleas to harbor. The more crowded and/or cluttered the rooms, the more difficult it is to achieve control.
- ✓ EPM will contact you to schedule a follow-up treatment 2-3 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 questions, please feel free to contact our office at 724-349-7900.

