



Bed Bug Check List

Pre-Treatment Preparation

To ensure a successful program of Bed Bug eradication, the following measures must be completed by the Customer / Maintenance personnel prior to our company arriving at the location.

- 1) Remove mattress and box spring from the bed frame and place the upright against a wall for inspection and possible treatment. **DO NOT THROW THESE ITEMS AWAY.**
 - a. Mattresses and box springs will need to be enclosed in high quality encasements that will be available from the pest management company prior to re-use.
 - b. The encasements must remain in place until bed bug eradication is complete. Linens are placed over these encasements.
- 2) Place ALL bed linens (blankets, sheets, mattress covers, pillow cases) in sealed plastic bags and launder them in HOT water and HOT dryer cycle.
- 3) Remove the tacking (fabric cover) from the bases of box spring, sofas, and chairs.
- 4) Remove drapes / curtains and have them laundered in HOT water, HOT dryer, or dry cleaned. Replace in clean, sealed plastic bag until reinstalling them.
- 5) Empty dressers, closets, and cupboards of all items and place in sealed plastic bags. All fabrics must be laundered in HOT water and HOT dryer cycle where possible. Dry clean those items that cannot be laundered.
 - a. Once laundered or dry cleaned return to a new plastic bag and seal the bag closed.
- 6) Remove and discard all unnecessary boxes, papers, magazines, or other similar items by placing them in a sealed plastic bag for disposal.
- 7) Remove all items from walls – mirrors, pictures, other items – and leave in the room for inspection
- 8) Unhook all cables from electronic and electrical devices
- 9) Move all furniture away from walls
- 10) Remove all electrical plates on walls – electric outlets, phone jacks, light switch covers, cable outlets.
- 11) Open carbon monoxide detectors (if present) and remove batteries if possible.
- 12) Thoroughly vacuum all carpet and fabric-covered furniture, and place contents of vacuum in sealed plastic bag.
 - a. Vacuum thoroughly mattress and box spring – edges, seams, buttons, etc.
 - b. Vacuum closet shelves and inside drawers of dressers and nightstands.
- 13) Ensure all rooms adjacent to the infested room are available for inspection and possible treatment.
- 14) All non-washable items placed in sealed plastic bags must be inspected and/or treated. This may include electronic equipment (computers, clocks, radios, TV's, phones, etc.), artwork in frames, and other objects in infested rooms.
 - a. The pest management company may suggest options for these materials which may include:
 - i. Heating or freezing
 - ii. Fumigant strips
 - iii. Direct insecticide treatment
- 15) If you stay in a separate location while the treatment is being done, do NOT take any luggage or clothing with you that has not been treated to kill any bed bugs or their eggs that may be on the items.