



## Bed Bug Treatment Preparation

### THEMAL HEAT PREPARATION CHECKLIST

*If you are unable or do not wish to perform the below, ask us for a quote. We can prepare, treat and unpack, clean your home for you. Or we can assist you with any or all of the work.*

#### **Bed Bug HEAT Treatments fail for 2 primary reasons:**

1. Lack of proper Preparation of Home. (Home should be clean and de-cluttered for proper convection heating.)
2. From Bed Bugs leaving the residence during the preparation process and then being reintroduced into the dwelling after heat treatment is completed. Also be AWARE of friends, families and neighbors where these bugs may have originated from. If a home or dwelling is of concern our K9 dog will clear that residence as bed bug free as part of our service.

#### TEMS THAT NEED TO BE LAUNDERED PRIOR TO BE REMOVED BEFORE HEAT TREATMENT IS DONE:

- Linens, Bedding need to be removed from the bed, cleaned and dried. Then continue heating the dried clothes for a minimum of 30 minutes AFTER they have dried or reach a core temperature of 130 degrees. Do not overstuff the load so that dryer heat can heat completely. They should come out of the dryer and go directly into a cleaned garbage bag and be completely sealed up and then removed from the house for the heating process to be done. Once the heat treatment is complete the linen bags may be returned to the house, but the plastic bags should be disposed of and sealed in a clean plastic bag.

-Remove any Bed Bug Mattress Encasements from the beds to allow complete heat penetration.

- Clothes that are stuffed tightly into a dresser or closet should be **thinned out by removing some and following the exact protocol given above for the bed Linens.** It is important that closets and dressers be thinned out so that heat is able to penetrate deep into all cracks and crevices.

-De-clutter your closets and storage areas to allow adequate heat circulation. There should be no build up of clothes, toys, papers, books, etc.

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ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE REMOVED (only remove what is absolutely necessary all Items need to be treated) do not throw away furniture until it is heated and or disposed of properly as you will spread bugs to porches or to other homes.

- Wax candles (or any items that can melt such as lipstick etc)
- Art supplies
- Medicines
- Wine & Alcohol products
- Smoke detectors & and In roof water fire suppressants
- Vinyl items that may melt if they are expensive to replace. The tub will provide shelter to some of these type items
- all living animals
- Oil paintings or Fine Art
- All outlet covers including face plate covers for A/C etc so we can provide preventive dust.
- Fire extinguishers/pressurized cans
- , Bullets, Explosives, Flammables, lighters, matches
- Batteries from all units

#### OTHER ACTION ITEMS

- Separate all clothing items to allow adequate air circulation. Soiled clothing should be washed and machine dried for 30 min or core temperature of 130 degrees .then it may be treated as linens above
- Ensure facility is clean. If you have vacuumed take the bag out to a dumpster in a sealed plastic bag. Do not use vacuum again until bag is changed.
- Move furniture items away from walls to allow heat penetration into wall, plugs ,back side of furniture and wall molding
- Unplug refrigerator on the morning of treatment, it should stay cold during the process
- Sprinkler system disengaged, and heads removed
- Life Safety systems protected (ex: oxygen tanks)
- moving furniture away from the walls in infested rooms allows us to heat all the walls behind and allows for proper heat convention

Before returning any items into the home they must be saturated in 91% rubbing Alcohol to kill any bugs or eggs which may be on them. Items which are sensitive to the alcohol treatment may be sanitized in other ways so please call for advice regarding this.

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