

Bed Bug Treatment Preparation

The following list must be adhered to for the complete eradication of the pest. Before initial treatment can take place, the occupant MUST do the following:

- 1. Bag and remove all sheets, clothing, linens, and curtains from the living space. Wash all articles in hot water and dry on high heat (2 cycles).
- 2. Empty dressers, nightstands, desks, hutches, shelves, entertainment centers etc.
- 3. Place all small items that cannot be laundered (books, dvds, etc.) in the kitchen area.
- 4. Make furniture (couches, chairs, futons, etc.) free of clutter and accessible.
- 5. Discard any cardboard boxes, shoeboxes, paper, news paper, stacks of magazines and any similar items in infested rooms.
- 6. Wall ornaments (pictures, mirrors) need to be removed in any infested rooms.
- 7. Remove all pets, cover fish tanks and turn off any pumps and aerators.
- 8. Seal and put up all food items (including pet food).

Special Instructions:

 Vacuum all rooms that have carpet, furniture, mattress seams, box springs, furniture including, couches (includes underneath, all crack/seams and all cushions), entertainment centers, nightstands, dressers, storage shelves, closets and baseboard, dispose of bag.

DO NOT self-treat or apply any insecticide, entire unit needs to be accessible.

Failure to comply will result in voided warranty.

Occupants and pets must be ready to leave the living space for 4 hours. Personal items can be put back after the first treatment. This preparation is for the initial service only. Follow-up inspections are performed in a normal setting.

Essential Pest Control will not be held liable for any damage to personal items, resulting from treating harborage areas. We must remove drop cloths on all furniture to properly treat infestation.

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,	t is recommended that a	after treatment is completed to	install mattress
and box spring encasements on	bedding. Essential Pest	Control can provide these at an	additional cost.
Client acknowledges and up	nderstands the above	instruction, they have read t	he information
		portunity to ask any question	
Occupant (Print)	Date	Address to be serviced	
Occupant's signature		Essential Representative	Certification #



What to expect

Live and dead bed bugs: There will be live and dead bed bugs after treatment occurs and resident still will have activity that is why the service includes two (2) follow up visits. The first follow up is normally scheduled two (2) week after initial service and the final follow up six (6) weeks after the initial service.

After treatment:

Before re-entering home or returning items, it is recommended to thoroughly inspecting all items. All clothing and fabric should be washed and heated to avoid re-infesting treated areas.

Expect for furniture and infested items to be moved around during the treatment. Expect for beds, headboards, and frames to be taken apart and dresser drawers to be removed. Essential does not put beds back together. After the treatment is complete property can be returned to normal.

One week after the treatment vacuum all rooms and all furniture items. This is to include all seams in mattresses, box springs, base boards, carpet edges, cracks and corners in nightstands, furniture, closets, and any other area recommended on preparation sheet.

High quality mattress, box spring and pillow encasements are recommended to be installed. Essential Pest Management can provide these at homeowner's request and expense. Property Managers and Commercial Accounts are not responsible to purchase these for tenants. It is the tenant's responsibility to purchase mattress encasements.

Bed Bug Behavior:

- Bed bugs do not enter places from the natural outdoor environment; instead, they must be
 introduced in the structure from a previously infested environment. Bed bugs can be picked up
 during travel, bring them in on rented or used furniture, introduction by guests or visitors, or
 other means. The exact source of the infestation is usually unknown. It is recommended to avoid
 buying used furniture.
- Bed bugs can live in beds, couches, picture frames, nightstands, wall voids, under carpeting, or virtually any available small crack or crevice. However, they will most likely try to live close to where people sleep.
- 3. Bed bugs are nocturnal insects and therefore usually hide during the day and are most active at night when they leave their harborages to seek a blood meal, they feed exclusively on blood
- 4. Infestations can grow rapidly and persist indefinitely until proper corrective actions are taken.
- 5. Adult bed bugs are brown to reddish-brown, approximately 3/16-inch long, 1/8 inch wide, broadly oval, and flat. Immature bed bugs (nymphs) are tiny and appear translucent or pale in color.
- 6. Eggs are pearly white in color and only 1mm in length, thus they can be exceedingly difficult to detect with the naked eye.

