



## PREPARING FOR YOUR BED BUG SERVICE

Successful treatment for bed bugs relies heavily on customer participation. Preparing your home before the technician arrives can help ensure the best results

### Before your treatment, be sure to do the following:

- **Remove and clean bedding** - All bedding materials and pillows should be removed from the bed and sealed in plastic trash bags until they can be washed and/or dried.
- **Clean any other fabrics or bedding near the area** - Any sheets, pillows, or clothes stored under the bed or in a dresser near where bed bug activity is expected should be washed in soap and hot water. Items that cannot be washed should be dried on high heat for 30 minutes. Make sure you review the washing instructions on your items to avoid damaging them.
- **Prepare your mattress** - Vacuum all the seams of the mattress (both sides) and stand the mattress against the wall. Do the same for the box springs.
- **Remove headboards and wall hangings** - headboards that are bolted to the wall, and wall hangings or pictures fastened to the walls, must be removed and left in the room for treatment. Electrical fixtures should not be removed.
- **Clean curtains or drapes** - Curtains or drapes should be bagged before removing from the infested room. They will need to be dried on high heat for 30 minutes.
- **Prepare night stands** - Night stand items should be inspected and bagged in plastic bags.

### After your treatment:

- Allow 2-4 hours after the service is completed before re-entering the room. This gives the treatment time to dry.
- After the initial treatment, you should schedule an additional service within two weeks and a third service four weeks from your initial appointment.