

## Preparation Guidelines: Bed Bugs Insecticide Treatment

The premises must be vacated on time as per the agreed appointment or arrangement. Delays in vacating the premises may disrupt the technician's working schedule, and this may lead to a reschedule and/or an extra charge.

No one except the authorized technicians can be inside the premises during the pesticide application.

Make arrangements to stay away from the premises for several hours. The occupants will receive a document indicating the insecticide information and the minimum time required before re-entering the premises.

Occupants are suggested to consult their physician if: they are under one year of age, pregnant, elderly, or ill. Suffer from respiratory problems or any other condition that may compromise their health and safety. None of the pesticides to be used provide any specific after-treatment recommendations to occupants with the characteristics mentioned before, however, this is an optional precaution provided to minimize any chances of health issues for people that may be more sensitive to chemicals.

Preparing your premises as follows, will enable the technicians to provide the most effective treatment:

- Furniture and bookcases in living room and bedrooms must be at least 2 feet away from walls
- Tip sofas and couches
- Remove cushions from sofas and couches
- Items from bookshelves, nightstands and other furniture are to be placed and sealed in bags
- Organize and declutter the premises (within reason clear goods off the floor)
- Stuffed animals, pillows, bedding and toys must be washed, and sealed in bags
- Remove mattress covers and sheet from beds and box springs
- All clothing, bed sheets and linens must be put in a dryer on high heat for at least 20 minutes. And sealed in bags afterwards
- All mattresses and box springs must be standing
- Ensure pets are not in the premises for the treatment duration
- Inspect your car for bed bugs and get it treated by a pest control professional if infested
- Ensure any fish tanks are covered, and the oxygen pump is turned off
- Close all the windows
- Turn off humidifiers and appliances that produce air movement like air conditioners, floor and ceiling fans, and stove and bathroom exhaust fans
- Cover any electrical screens (TV, computers, and similar appliances) with sheets
- Store all exposed or unpackaged food away
- Remove and put pet's food in sealed containers, and store away safely
- Inform the technician and/or the landlord of any areas that have been recently painted (less than 6 weeks)
- Any mattress or box spring should be properly wrapped before moving it out of the premises for disposal
- Leave ALL INSIDE doors unlocked