



## Bed Bug Preparation checklist

**Please Remember: All bedrooms, living rooms and family rooms & there closets will be treated and must be fully prepared**

**Please do not treat with any over the counter materials as this will affect our application and will prolong the time needed to eliminate the bed bugs. Please notify Weir Pest if any over the counter materials have been used prior to treatment.**

- 1.) Remove and launder all bed linens and do not place back onto bed until after treatment is complete. (Hot water or dry cleaned)
- 2.) Remove and launder all clothing including closets and place in sealed bags or containers until after treatments. (Hot water, Dryer on High Heat or Dry cleaned)(Do not mix prepared and unprepared clothing, you could reintroduce the bed bugs to the home!)(Do not use the same contractor bags for prepared clothes)  
Note: sealed containers can be a contractor trash bag that has been tied shut so that nothing can get in or out. It can also be a tote with a lid that seals shut. No boxes!
- 3.) Remove all unnecessary items from floor. (This does not include furniture) Please inspect all items for signs of bed bugs as you remove them. If activity is found on an item please leave item in area to be treated. Sealed bags and containers can be stored in the kitchen and bathrooms because these areas will not be treated. There is also no need to remove anything from kitchen or bathroom cabinets.
- 4.) If possible, Shoes should be put in dryer at high heat. If shoes cannot withstand the dryer, please inspect for activity and store in a sealed bag or container.
- 5.) Place any stuffed animals in dryer with high heat.
- 6.) Remove and inspect any cardboard boxes, hangers, etc. for activity. Discard anything with activity in a sealed trash bag and remove from residence.
- 7.) Empty all drawers of furniture in all treatment areas. Inspect for activity as materials are removed. See above instructions for clothing, linen and stored items.
- 8.) Remove all pictures, mirrors, etc. from wall and place in room for treatment.
- 9.) Vacuum entire treatment area thoroughly, paying close attention to baseboard areas. Remove vacuum bag or collections and place in sealed trash bag and immediately remove from residence.
- 10.) Mattress and box-spring removed from bed. Please note that box spring dust cover will be removed to some extent if not totally removed to treat.
- 11.) Please stay out of treatment area/unit during the treatment, and for at least 2 hours after treatment is completed.
- 12.) Please vacuum carpeting in all areas to be treated prior to service and again after service. When vacuuming after service, do not vacuum around the baseboards (edges of the rooms).

We will want the materials to remain in this area to help eliminate the bed bug population. Also, please wait until the carpet is totally dry before vacuuming. Remove contents from vacuum and place in a sealed bag and discard immediately both before and after treatment.

**\*Any items that are found to have live activity: Please place items in a secure tote or contractor bag, please mark container so the technician knows that the items inside need to be treated, please leave these items in the treatment area. Items that cannot be sprayed can be treated with strips that can be purchased separately from Weir Pest with prior notification.**

# **Bed Bug Follow Up Question & Answers**

**1. Now that the initial treatment is over, what do I expect to happen?**

You could see increased activity because the materials used are designed to bring the bed bugs out so they will go across the material and die. This increased activity could last a few days or a few weeks depending on the severity of the infestation. Your mattress, box spring, living room furniture and any other items treated will be wet and need time to dry.

**2. When can I clean up?**

In light cases a day or two will be plenty of time to wait and then begin cleaning up. In more severe cases, wait until activity levels have dropped to a low level or you're not seeing any more live activity. Then you can begin cleaning up and putting things away. In either case, you can remove dead bed bugs from floors and carpet by sweeping or using a vacuum cleaner. Just please stay away from the edges/baseboards because there are materials there that need to stay there.

**3. How do I clean up?**

Wipe down all flat surfaces, such as table tops, dresser top, end tables, etc. with a mild cleaning solution. Wipe down dresser drawers before placing any clothes back into them. Be sure to not clean in the corners of the drawers and edges of furniture because the material used needs to stay in there in case any bed bug activity is still going on. Vacuum or sweep all floors to remove any dead bed bugs staying away from edges/baseboards.

**4. When can I put everything away?**

You can begin putting things away after you've cleaned and everything is dry. We recommend that you only get the clothes out of the containers that you need. This will give any remaining bed bugs less places to hide or to lay eggs in.

**5. What do I need to do to prepare for a follow up visit?**

Please strip beds of linens prior to our arrival. When putting furniture back, please leave a minimum of 6 inches gap between the furniture and the edges/baseboards. We will need to inspect and treat these areas on our return visits. If you are still seeing any activity, please leave a note for the servicing technician so they can be sure to treat and investigate these areas thoroughly.

**6. How long should I stay out after a follow up treatment?**

We recommend that you stay out of the treated areas for at least 2 hours afterwards. This will allow the liquid materials to dry and for any dry materials to settle.

**7. If you have any questions about the materials applied, please go to our website, [WWW.WEIRPEST.COM](http://WWW.WEIRPEST.COM). You can also contact us at 410-551-1178. Thank you for using Weir Pest Services.**