

# Bed Bug Preparation Checklist

## Preparing For Your Bed Bug Treatment

Proper preparation is an essential step for ensuring the most effective results from your upcoming bed bug treatment. Coppes Pest Solutions provides detailed instructions below on what you need to do before your scheduled treatment.

Preparation involves everything from providing adequate access to your unit or property, to cleaning and post-treatment recommendations. We understand that appropriate preparation can be difficult to achieve in a short period of time and that senior citizens or handicapped individuals may need additional assistance and time considerations.

PLEASE NOTE: A thorough and successful treatment is difficult to be achieved while there is excess clutter and untidiness in the home. The more complete the preparation, the quicker the control.

### MORE PREP=QUICKER CONTROL

Step	Preparation Instructions
1.	Remove all sheets, covers, dust ruffles, comforters, pillows, or any other bedding covers from your mattress and box spring in all bedrooms. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes.
2.	All clothes, on floors and hanging over chairs should be picked up and washed as above, place in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed.
3.	De-clutter, this will assist in removing potential bed bug harborages. Check items for signs of infestation. Cardboard is a favored harborage for bed bugs, dispose of any unwanted packaging materials to remove these harborage sites from your home.
4.	Do not re-arrange furniture other than moving items three feet away from the walls. It is not necessary to remove clean clothing items from draws or cupboards unless these items are clearly heavily infested. (visible bed bugs)
5.	Keep beds pulled out from the wall until the bed bugs have been eradicated. All other furniture items can be returned to their original position after treatment.
6.	Cabin beds/beds with built in storage. Remove all clothing items from these storage areas and launder and dry at high heat. Items can be replaced after treatment.
7.	Vacuum baseboards to remove dust build-up from these areas. Remove the vacuum clear bag or contents of the canister, place in a plastic bag, and dispose of in the trash can outside your home/apartment.
8.	In order to give the treatment time to work, do not clean or remove the spray barriers that have been applied. In most cases barriers will have been applied in the areas that are not normally accessed, but if infestation was suspected behind baseboards or electrical outlets for example, a 2" spray barrier will have been applied on the wall above or around these installations respectively. Under certain lighting conditions, these barriers may be visible. Leave these in place until you are certain that the infestation has been eradicated. The barrier will remain active for up to 3 months if left undisturbed, but can be easily removed with detergent and water, or disposable disinfectant wipes when required.
9.	Please allow 3-4 weeks after the treatment for it to be completely effective. Bed Bugs may not leave their harborages for a number of days after treatment, and nymphs hatching from eggs will not be affected until they cross a spray barrier. However, all bed bugs will die within 3-7 days after crossing a treated surface.