



## Tenants guide to preparation of home prior to bedbug extermination

*If you have questions, call your manager or rental office*

**You are receiving these instructions because your home is going to be treated for bedbugs. Bedbugs are a human parasitic insect which feeds while we sleep. In order to eradicate this pest, the technician will need access to the places they hide and this will require your cooperation preparing the home. The better the preparation, the more effective the treatment.**

### **YOU MUST VACATE THE UNIT FOR AT LEAST 3 HOURS FOLLOWING TREATMENT**

1. Remove all sheets, pillow cases and bedding from the mattress and wash on high heat - after drying on high heat, place in a plastic bag until treatment is completed. Pillows stuffed animals and such should be dry cleaned, or at least dried on high heat in the same way as your bedding.
2. Consider reducing clutter, as this provides habitat and compromises treatment.
3. Mattresses should be resting against the wall on their sides
4. Remove all drawers from dressers especially near areas of infestation to allow access to inside of dresser
5. Remove clothing and closets near infestation areas. You may also choose to cover with plastic and leave the them in the closet.
- 6 Move furniture (1 foot) away from the walls to allow spraying of baseboards through entire house.
7. Pictures and posters should be taken down to avoid being damaged as walls will be sprayed. The front of the picture should be faced towards the wall to allow the rear to be sprayed.
8. Curtains, especially in areas of bedbug activity, should be washed in hot water if possible. If non-washable they can either be put in the drier on high heat, dry-cleaned, sprayed or replaced.
9. After the treatment, the bed and home should be vacuum to remove lint, dust and dead bedbugs. Make sure to remove the vacuum bag or empty the contents and seal the vacuum debris in a plastic bag and discard prevent spread of bedbugs.
10. Only after your last treatment, should you encase the box springs in the plastic protector cover ( we will provide these, so let us know how many you want me and the size of your bed).
11. **PLEASE BE AWARE: Two (2) treatments (possibly three (3) in severe cases) 10-12 days apart WILL BE necessary** - use your judgment before putting everything back realizing we will be returning in 10 to 12 days for the follow-up, so you don't have to do everything twice. ( Follow up is always needed as existing eggs will still be hatching).

*Thank you for your cooperation.*