

Bed Bug Preparation Checklist

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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

#	Preparation Instructions
1.	Wash all linens, bedding materials, clothing, stuffed animals, etc., according to label directions or in the highest allowable water temperature and dry on the hottest allowable heat setting.
2.	All laundered items such as linens, clothing, stuffed animals, etc. should be placed in new plastic bags or plastic containers, sealed tightly and relocated to the living room.
3.	All clothing items that cannot be laundered should be dry-cleaned. We recommend leaving these items at the cleaners between the initial treatment and follow-up visit
4.	Remove all items from closet floor, including any items on closet shelves. Follow the procedure above for laundering all clothing. No items should remain on the closet floor or on the shelves.
5.	If needed, remove all miscellaneous items from dressers, night stands, chests, etc. and place them in plastic bags or sealed containers in the center of the living room floor. None of these items should remain in the bedroom.
6.	Vacuum floors, carpets and area rugs. Use the crack and crevice attachment around baseboards, bed frames, sofas, and other furniture items. Discard vacuum bags or contents after use.
7.	All luggage that has been used recently during travel must remain empty so that it may be inspected and treated if necessary.
8.	Optional. Remove all shelves, picture frames, artwork, wall clocks, and decorative items from the walls and place on the floor in the same room as they were hanging. These items will be inspected and treated if necessary.
9.	All large pieces of furniture should be pulled at least 2 feet away from the baseboards in every room of your home.
10.	Birds, cats, dogs, and humans must remain out of the home during treatment and at least a minimum of 4 hours after the treatment is complete. Fish, and reptile tanks must be covered or removed. Air filters and filtration systems for aquatic fish should be turned off during treatment.
11.	All mattress and box spring covers must be removed from mattresses & box springs prior to our arrival unless you have previously installed an encasement that was specifically designed to control, prevent, and eliminate bed bugs.
12.	Remove and discard the box spring backing (the thin, fibrous material that is stapled to the bottom of the box spring) before the treatment.
13.	Cribs, crib mattresses, and other baby furniture will be inspected and treated as needed.
14.	Shoes should be placed in new plastic bags or plastic containers, sealed tightly and relocated to the living room. If shoes can tolerate a dryer cycle, first place them in the dryer on hottest cycle for 30 minutes. No shoes should be left in the bedroom or closet.