## Flea Preparation

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- 1. Be prepared to leave the home during treatment and for the number of hours afterward as recommended by the PCO. In many cases, this will be at least four hours.
- 2. Remove all pets from the home during the time of treatment excluding fish tanks. Fish tanks are to be covered with plastic wrap, and pumps turned off until reoccupying home.
- 3. Remove all sheets, covers, dust ruffles, or any other bedding covers from the mattresses and box spring in all bedrooms. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible. Do not replace the bed linens until four hours after treatment
- 4. Remove all personal items including clothes, toys, shoes, stored materials, etc., from the furniture and floor area throughout the home.
- 5. Remove everything from ALL closets. Completely empty all bedroom drawers and empty all books and items from bookcases prior to treatment.
- 6. Vacuum all of carpeting, immediately empty the vacuum cleaner bag and dispose of it in an exterior dumpster or trash.
- 7. To give the treatment time to work, do not shampoo or clean floors or carpet for at least two weeks after the treatment. The vacuum may be used as desired.
- 8. Move all items and furniture away from walls. The PCO will need access to all baseboards and behind all furniture. Everything may be returned to its original location after the treatment is completed.
- 9. The bathtub, kitchen counters, dining room tables, and coffee tables can be used to place items during treatment.
- 10. Allow three weeks from time of treatment for it to be completely effective. If the problem persists after 21 days, it is advisable that homeowners contact the PCO, and apartment residents, contact their management office.