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Before The Heat Treatment Can Commence

- Do not use any pesticide bombs, foggers, sprays, dusts prior to heat treatment. **Repellent insecticides severely diminish the effectiveness of the treatment effort by driving bed bugs in to hard to treat areas such as under carpet pads and wall voids**
- Do not remove any thing from treatment area except for items in sealed garbage to be permanently removed.
- Furniture and clutter must be pulled away from walls at least 12 inches.
- Unplug all electronics except major appliances.
- Any items (clothing, shoes, bags, valuables) taken out with occupant on day off heat treatment must be thoroughly inspected and/or sanitized before being reintroduced to treated area.
- Permanently dispose of all trash and unwanted items before treatment.
Completely remove litter boxes from the treatment area if present
- Vacuum or sweep up dust/pet hair as they are hazardous to our equipment and personnel. Improperly secured pictures and posters that may blow down should be taken down and laid flat.
- Take down, disinfect and remove vinyl or faux wood blinds have a low heat tolerance.
- High power fans are used during this process; loose papers should be secured or weighted down. Heat sensitive items should be clearly labeled and left inside the treatment area.
- Remove all pets and house plants (including fish aquariums).
- Remove fresh, meltable, and or perishable food
- Remove or place prescription / over the counter drugs or vitamins in the refrigerator
- Remove cosmetics
- Remove candles
- Remove all pressurized items – lighters, hairspray, fire extinguishers etc.
- Remove all flammables – fuel, alcohols, solvents, etc.

- Remove wooden and stringed instruments – cases should remain in the treatment
- Family heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected and a determination made as to whether they should remain in the treatment area

Clothing

• If you have a fair amount of loose clothing we recommend that you bag them all up and use a local laundromat to run them through a dryer on high heat for 40-45 minutes. Throw the transport bags away and place clothes in new bags and seal them. Store these outside of the living area until treatment is completed.

• Bed bugs will often seek shelter within or under piles of clothing. Piles of clothing should be either hung up on hangers or spread out before the heat treatment commences.

• Wash bedding and washable excess clutter on high heat followed with a high heat dry cycle. After drying, remove and immediately place the clothing in a heavy duty garbage bag and seal the bag by twisting the excess bag and wrapping the twist with tape. Think "Loaf of Bread"

• Open all drawers and unpack any overly packed areas. Remember... Air flow is key!

• Large blankets and comforters can be draped over interior doors to limit bed bug harborage and improve effectiveness.

*** Do not use cardboard as a container for heat sensitive items, instead crates, bins or grocery bags are ideal.**

*** Air flow is critical to this process, over-packed closets and rooms may not be able to be treated properly!**

CLUTTER IS A BED BUGS BEST FRIEND!