



## **BED BUG PREPARATION CHECKLIST**

### **ADVANCED PEST SOLUTIONS**

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- ☐ Empty all closets, dressers and any drawers of all clothing and other items. Any bedding or sheets from the infested room should be placed in sealed plastic bags. Any window treatments in infested areas should be included (curtains, sheers). Remove from the area all items should be placed in a clothing dryer on High Heat, unless heat damages the item. Check tag for cleaning instructions. Heat will kill all stages of bed bugs. Dry at least for 20 minutes on medium to high heat. Once items are finished from the dryer, you must place them in sealed plastic bags. Dry clean any item that cannot be washed.
- ☐ Remove all items from under the bed so we can have access to the bed frame for treatment. After they dry, all mattresses and box springs must be placed inside certified bed bug encasements.
- ☐ Bed bug treatments are a good time to get rid of items you don't need anymore. Particularly items such as boxes, papers, magazines, etc. All such items need to be put into sealed plastic bags if not going to be eliminated. These items should not be opened until they are inspected.
- ☐ Remove all items from dressers, night stands, closets, etc. If they can be laundered, please do so. If they are items that cannot be laundered (books, electronics, etc.) then place them in sealed plastic bags. When bags are opened, a thorough inspection should be performed in order to eliminate spreading bed bugs.
- ☐ All items, toys and obstructions must be inspected, then removed from closets in rooms where infestation has occurred. All items that can possibly be put into sealed plastic bags should be. After the last treatment, a thorough inspection should be performed.
- ☐ Anything that can safely be placed in a clothing dryer should be dried on high heat if possible for 20 minutes. The heat from the dryer will kill all stages of bed bugs.
- ☐ Other items removed from the infested areas must be vacuumed and inspected before transport to another room in the home. This will prevent the spread of bed bugs to another part of the house or building.
- ☐ Remove all pictures, posters, and drawers from dressers. All mirrors should be removed from dressers in order to treat dressers effectively. The drawers will need to be removed in order to treat the cracks and crevices of drawers.
- ☐ Remove all electric outlets and switch plate covers so we can treat them.
- ☐ Vacuum all baseboards, moldings, bed frames, cracks and crevices around the entire room. Vacuum floor and rug even vacuum hard surface floors. When finished vacuuming, put the bag in a sealed plastic bag and discard it into the trash container.
- ☐ People and pets may not be in the area being treated and may only re-enter when insecticide is dry. Minimum of 4-6 hours and people with allergies 8-12 hours or overnight.
- ☐ Birds and reptiles must be removed when service is performed. Fish tanks must be covered and pumps turned off when service is performed.
- ☐ There must be adequate ventilation and space to work at the time of treatment.