

Nimby Pest Management

Please follow direction below for best results Pre-treatment preparation for Bedbug Eradication

Proper preparation is a mandatory requirement for control to be effective. Preparation involves providing access for Pest Control Treatment. If a home is not properly prepared, successful elimination is practically impossible. Although preparation may be difficult for some people (for example, seniors or handicapped individuals), *it is essential for effective treatment*, and thus in such cases family members, friends or social or charitable agencies may need to provide assistance.

Packing: All furniture and appliances in the dwelling need to be pulled away from the baseboards, and all furniture containing potential hiding crevices, such as dressers, nightstands, bookshelves and desks, should be emptied and left open. Items in tightly sealed containers are usually safe from bedbug infestation and need not be emptied.

Laundry: Everything that can be laundered *should* be laundered in advance of the treatment, (especially all bedding) and then placed in plastic bags. This would include stuffed animals, and so on. (For those who have the ability to measure the temperature of the water in their washing machine, or of the hot air in their dryer, the target heat range is 120°F (49°C).) However, sometime the drying alone will be enough as the heat of the cycle of drying usually will kill *all* stages—eggs, immature stage (nymphs) and adults.

***NOTE:** all beds should be stripped prior to treatment and only mattress, box spring and framing left available to be treated.

Vacuuming The mechanical removal of bedbugs by vacuuming is a most important part of preparing for control. Vacuuming alone will not solve the problem, but it will substantially reduce bedbug numbers and thus help reduce the population as part of preparing for treatment. A crevice attachment should be used on the seams of mattresses, on box springs, on bed legs, within furniture interiors, behind pictures, on curtains, and anywhere there is a possibility of the insects hiding (e.g. inside dresser drawers, dresser cases, under chairs, etc.). Carpets should also be vacuumed throughout the home, preferably with a power-head. Baseboards should also be vacuumed using the crevice tool—not swept—prior to the exterminator's arrival. Vacuum bags should then immediately be removed and disposed of by placing in doubled plastic bags and placed into strong plastic bag for disposal.

**BE PREPARED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME WHEN PEST CONTROL
OPERATOR ARRIVES AND BE AWAY FOR A PERIOD OF AT
LEAST FOUR HOURS**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.