



## *CHIPPEWA PEST CONTROL*

### Preparing for your Bed Bug Treatment:

Proper preparation is an essential step towards ensuring the most effective results from your upcoming Bed Bug treatment. Preparation involves everything from being available for a pre treatment inspection and/or thoroughly following preparation instructions as well as following post treatment instructions. Please note: Chippewa Pest Control will not provide treatment to any unit or property that has not met the guidelines in this instructional sheet.

### Packing and Furniture Preparation:

All furniture shall be pulled away from walls at least 2 feet.

Remove contents from dressers and night stands, also remove drawers from them and stand on end so that they may be accessed and treated.

Remove books from bookshelves and place in plastic bags and move to the center of the room.

Remove all pictures, mirrors and hanging items from the wall and move to the center of the room.

Remove electrical outlet switch plates from wall and zip lock bag them for later use.

Open any sleeper sofas and futons or convertible beds for treatment.

Lift mattresses and box springs and stand them on their side for treatment.

Chippewa Pest Control strongly recommends that you discard infested mattresses and box springs and will lower the price of your treatment accordingly.

### Laundering:

Everything that can be laundered should be laundered and placed in NEW/CLEAN bags or containers and sealed prior to your treatment. This includes linen, towels, bedding, drapes, bed skirts, stuffed animals etc. Any items that cannot be laundered shall be dried at the highest allowable heat settings. Temperatures reaching 140 degrees have been proven to kill all stages of Bed Bug development.

Bags used to transport items prior to washing and drying should never be reused and should be discarded into a dumpster after use.

Place clean dried items into new containers and seal until after treatment.

### Vacuuming:

The mechanical removal of Bed Bugs by thorough vacuuming is an important part of preparing for treatment. The use of a crack and crevasse tool is imperative to access mattress seams, baseboards and cracks and crevasses where Bed Bugs may be hiding.

### Furniture Disposal:

There are differing opinions as to whether or not it is necessary to dispose of infested mattresses, box springs and other furniture. It is clear that replacing these items alone will not solve a Bed Bug problem. Chippewa Pest Control will always discount the price of your Bed Bug treatment if you choose to discard infested items to help mitigate the considerable cost of a Bed Bug treatment. If you cannot afford to discard it is imperative that you install new high quality Bed Bug mattress encasements on your mattresses and box springs.

### Post Treatment:

Once the treatment has been completed we recommend staying out of the treated home for a minimum of four hours to allow materials to dry completely. We also recommend that you move only the items necessary for your comfort in case a follow up treatment is required. This will also be a good time to throw out any unnecessary items to help keep clutter down and help keep a return infestation from happening. A retreat may sometimes be required and may be scheduled by your technician for about 30 days to 6 weeks out.

We do understand that thorough preparation may present a considerable hardship for some, but we cannot overstress the importance that it has on the overall effectiveness of treatment. Understand that if preparation is only partially done or clutter or untidiness remains, chances of a successful treatment diminish and your technician may decide to reschedule. Thank You, Chippewa Pest Control Inc.



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## Bed bug Preparation Checklist:

- Wash and or dry all linens, bedding, clothing, stuffed animals etc., in the highest allowable heat setting.
- Place all laundered items in new plastic bags or containers and seal tightly until after treatment.
- Any items that cannot be laundered must be dry cleaned, we recommend leaving these items there until after treatment.
- Remove all items from closets including shelving.
- Remove all items from dressers, nightstands etc. and place in sealed containers until after treatment.
- Vacuum floors, carpets and area rugs, use the crack and crevasse tool around baseboards, bed frames, and any cracks and crevasses in furniture.
- Remove all shelves, picture frames wall clocks or decorative items from wall and store for later inspection and cleaning if necessary.
- Any recently used luggage must be emptied and open for inspection and or treatment.
- All large furniture must be pulled at least 2 feet away from walls and baseboards.
- Mattress and box spring covers must be removed and laundered unless they are previously installed bed bug mattress encasements.
- remove and discard box spring backing (the thin fibrous material stapled to the underside of the box spring frame).
- seal and cover all pet food and dishes until after treatment
- Humans as well as pets must remain out of the home for at least 4 hours after the treatment is complete.

Instructions may vary from this list; your technician will let you know if any more instructions may be required.