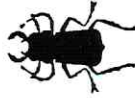


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## Important Information on Treatment for Bed Bugs

Bed bugs are extremely difficult pests to control because they hide very well in cracks & crevices and seams & tufts. They prefer wood and fabric to nest in and will normally nest within 10 feet of where they find their host (usually a bed, couch or chair). The level of preparation and extensiveness of the treatment will significantly impact the effectiveness of the bed bug treatment.

1. Bed bugs most often hide within the seams and tufts of mattresses and box springs. Dismantling the bed and standing the mattress and box spring on the end is required. The fabric on bottom of the box spring "dust catcher" will need to be removed. If tears or holes are found in the mattress or top of the padding of the box spring they should be discarded.
2. Bed frames and head boards must also be dismantled, especially if they are wood. Head boards attached to walls must be removed and treated.
3. Any dressers, nightstands or tables should be emptied and drawers pulled out. Bed bugs often hide in the cracks and corners of these pieces of furniture. These pieces of furniture should also be tipped over to inspect and treat the wood work underneath.
4. Reducing clutter is a necessity. Belongings strewn about rooms provide places for bed bugs to hide and impede inspection and treatment. All clothing and bedding garments should be bagged and laundered in very hot soap and water. The dryer itself will also kill bed bugs, so clean clothes, pillows, blankets, shoes, stuffed animals, etc can be only run through a hot dryer and then bagged.
5. Vacuuming thoroughly prior to a treatment will help the effectiveness of a treatment. When vacuuming, pay particular attention to seams, tufts, and edges of mattresses and box springs, and the perimeter edge of wall-to-wall carpets. Do all the vacuuming and cleaning before treatments. After vacuuming, dispose of the vacuum bag in a sealed trash bag. Following the treatment, do not vacuum or sweep floors or furniture again for up to 3 weeks if possible.

## Areas to be Treated

- ❖ Tufts, seams, buttons and edges on mattresses, box springs, bed framework.
- ❖ Dressers, nightstands, coffee tables, side tables
- ❖ Couches and chairs, luggage, rugs
- ❖ Window and door moldings, baseboards
- ❖ Behind pictures, seams of wall paper, around outlet covers especially near bed and couch areas
- ❖ Cracks in hardwood flooring, carpet along walls

## Other Helpful Hints

- ❖ Apply spray in a mist and keep people and pets off the treated areas until dry. Do not over spray, over spraying can leave the chemical with a crust instead of a fine film and bed bugs will avoid it. Over applying this spray makes the treatment less effective.
- ❖ Mattress and box spring covers are very useful in reducing bed bug harborage areas. However, covers are not a necessity when treating for bed bugs.
- ❖ Treating the entire structure for bed bugs is a must. Leaving out anything could be a mistake.
- ❖ The chemical works effectively up to 3 to 4 weeks. Do not apply more often than every two weeks. Applying too often makes the spray less effective. If activity is still noticed 3 weeks after treatment, reapply the treatment. When you have not seen any activity for a 3 week period, treat one more time.