



Bed Bug Heat Treatment Preparation List

Preparing for a bed bug heat treatment is essential to ensure its effectiveness and to protect your belongings. Here's a comprehensive checklist and tips to help you get ready for the treatment.

Also, at the end of this document are photos of what proper preparation should look like.

Personal Items to Remove or Discuss with Technician

- Aerosol cans & Pressurized Items (e.g., hairspray, deodorant) – Under pressure they can potentially explode
- Firearms and ammunition
- Candles, Crayons and Wax Products that can melt at high temperatures
- Cosmetics
- Medications
- Live Houseplants
- Pets (including food)
- Artwork and Paintings
- Musical instruments
- Electronic devices - Power off all devices, discuss heat-sensitive items with pest control (e.g., TVs, laptops, consoles)
- Batteries and power packs
- Fireworks

Clothing and Fabrics

- Do not pack clothing; leave for treatment
- Remove delicate fabrics (e.g., silk, leather)
- Leave curtains and drapes for treatment
- Remove bedding (sheets, blankets, comforters, bed skirts, etc.) from the bed. Launder them in hot water and dry them at a high temperature. Place them in a sealed bag or sealed container until after treatment.

Food and Refrigerated Items

- Remove perishable foods
- Store open food containers in the refrigerator or remove
- Remove wine and liquor

Household Chemicals

- Remove flammable products (e.g., gasoline, lighter fluid)
- Remove aerosol cleaning supplies

Other Items to Consider

- Remove vinyl records, CD's and DVD's
- Remove important documents (e.g., passports, birth certificates)
- Discuss with Jerry's Pest Management whether photos need to be removed (framed/unframed)
- Pre-heat rooms if possible. If the rooms are 80 to 85 degrees prior to our arrival, it will aid in the process.

Furniture and Household Items

- Move large furniture 3-6 inches away from walls
- Expose mattresses (no covers)
- Keep cushions, pillows, and similar items exposed to the heat for thorough treatment.

Vacuum the House

- Thoroughly vacuum floors, carpets, and furniture to remove dead bed bugs, eggs, and other debris.
- Empty and seal the vacuum bag or contents in a plastic bag and dispose of it outside of your home immediately after vacuuming.

Declutter the Area (As best as possible)

- Open Space for Airflow: Bed bug heat treatment works by circulating hot air. Clear out clutter to ensure air circulates properly in all rooms being treated.

Preparation for You

- Plan to leave for 6-8 hours
- Take pets and plants with you

Post-Treatment Recommendations

- Ventilate the house after treatment
- Schedule follow-up inspection with Jerry's Pest Management
- Thoroughly vacuum floors, carpets, and furniture to remove dead bed bugs, eggs, and other debris
- Empty and seal the vacuum bag or contents in a plastic bag and dispose of it outside of your home immediately after vacuuming
- Continue to monitor for any signs of bed bugs after the treatment to ensure the infestation is fully eliminated

PHOTOS OF WHAT PREPARATION SHOULD LOOK LIKE

