



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.

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