

# Preparation for Conventional Bed Bug Treatment



**Successful control of bed bugs takes cooperation from everyone involved including pest control, building management and residents.**

Traditional treatments use a concentrated application applied to sheltered locations. The plan typically includes three applications scheduled approximately two weeks apart to coincide with the bed bug reproduction and egg incubation cycles. To ensure complete elimination of bed bugs, additional treatments continue to target the insects that hatch from their eggs after the initial treatment. These additional treatments will terminate the remaining percentage that wasn't affected from the first treatment.

## PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR TREATMENT

- 1. **All people and pets must vacate during and for 2 hours after treatment (to allow all treated areas time to dry).**
- 2. Fish tanks must be covered and the filter turned off during service.
- 3. **We cannot treat personal items or clothing.** Do not pile personal items on beds or other furniture to be treated.
- 4. Dryer-treatable items should be dried on high heat dryer cycle, in small to medium loads, for at least 30 minutes. If done before treatment, put freshly dried items into new/clean plastic bags. Tie up tightly so they will not become reinfested when brought back into the home.
- 5. **DO NOT USE OVER-THE-COUNTER PESTICIDE OR DO-IT-YOURSELF TREATMENTS.**

- 6. Vacuum up any self-applied pesticide dust products that were used throughout the home, before pest control arrives for treatment.

## POST TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Vacuum up any dead bed bugs that may be found after the service. If possible, use a vacuum cleaner with a bag and throw the bag outside in the trash when finished. If using a canister style vacuum, after you are done vacuuming, empty the canister outside in the trash and wash with **HOT** soapy water.
- Place items (shoes, papers, books, toys, etc.) that will be stored on closet floors, or under or next to beds and sofas, in plastic storage bins with a tight fitting lid.
- It is highly recommended that box springs and mattresses be encased with approved bed bug encasements and interception devices after the treatment.
- A canine inspection is available 30 days after the service. Please call our office for more information.

It is common to see bed bug activity for up to two (2) weeks after treatment. However, if bed bug activity is noted after two (2) weeks, please contact our main office at **262-797-4160** or **800-878-2110**.

Visit [batzner.com/bed-bugs](http://batzner.com/bed-bugs) for information on habits, prevention, identification and more.

## MATTRESS ENCASEMENT DISCOUNT

### *Protect Against Future Infestations*

Discounts are available on bed bug encasements and installation, if purchased by the date of treatment through Batzner Bed Bug Services. We will install the encasements for you during treatment.