



Bed bugs are very difficult to eradicate, but we have developed a special checklist for our customers to complete that increases the success rate of treatments dramatically. It is very important that these steps are completed prior to the service appointment time.

If you are ill or pregnant or if you or any member of your household has sensitivity to chemical odors or other odors, Whitworth Pest Solutions, Inc. recommends that you contact us for product information and consult with your physician prior to the treatment.

PREPARING FOR BED BUG TREATMENT

- ❑ Remove all bedding from mattresses, including sheets, blankets, mattress covers and pillow cases. At this time we DO NOT recommend throwing your mattress away or any other piece of furniture. Wash bedding in HOT water and dry in the dryer on hottest setting. After laundering, place all bedding in clean storage bins or plastic garbage bags. Seal to prevent bugs from entering and hiding in clean fabrics. Place items in the living room or other centralized area. *Do not* put anything back on the bed until the evening *after* receiving pest control service.
- ❑ Gather all linens, and all clothing, etc. from living space and all clothing/fabrics from each bedroom and all hall closets. Empty all dresser and night-stand drawers. Wash in HOT water and dry in the dryer on hottest setting. After laundering, place all clothing in clean storage bins or plastic garbage bags. Seal to prevent bugs from entering and hiding in clean fabrics. Place items in the living room or other centralized area.
- ❑ Remove all other items such as toys and boxes from bedroom floors, closets, etc. Place items in the living room or other centralized area.
- ❑ Empty wooden bookshelves, desks, dressers, etc., and place items in storage bins. Place bins in the living room or some other centralized area.
- ❑ Vacuum mattresses, floors, furniture and inside closets, dresser drawers and bed stands. Baseboards and mattress seams should be vacuumed with a crevice tool. Vacuum filter should be immediately discarded outdoors well away from the structure.
- ❑ Move all living room, family room, bedroom, office etc. furniture or other objects away from the perimeter of rooms (about two feet away from the walls is a good rule of thumb). Vacuum along the perimeter where these items were.
- ❑ Remove, or at the very least cover all fish or reptile tanks. Turn off air to fish tanks. Remove any pet food that is out in the open. Ensure there are no dogs, cats or people in the structure during the bed bug treatment.
- ❑ Do not re-enter the structure until at least four hours after the treatment. Follow-up treatments will likely be required. The number of follow-ups and amount of preparation needed for them will depend on the level of infestation. We will inform you of what needs to be done before each service appointment.