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## **Bed Bug Service Preparation Checklist: Follow these steps in preparation for Bed Bug Service**

Preparation prior to the technician's arrival is critical to ensure that your home or apartment is properly serviced. Please follow the steps listed below to help ensure the best results.

### **BEDROOMS**

- All sheets, bedding materials and pillows should be removed from the beds and sealed in plastic trash bags until you can wash or dry them as described below. This helps prevent spreading bed bugs to other rooms.
- All clutter from closet floors and under furniture is to be removed and placed in the middle of the floor.
- Pull furniture away from walls for access to baseboards and electrical outlets.
- Sheets, pillows and clothes stored under the bed (or in a dresser harboring bed bugs) can be washed in soap and hot water. Bed spreads, covers and other items that cannot be washed should be dried in the dryer at high temperatures for 30 minutes. (Please read the washing instructions on clothes to ensure the item will not be damaged.)
- Drapes or curtains should be bagged before moving from an infested room. Remove them from the bag and dry them at high temperatures for 30 minutes.
- Plastic bags should be available for when the Economy Pest Control Professional inspects items stored in the nightstand and under the bed. If items are free of infestation, they will be sealed in the bags. Then wait at least two weeks before putting items back into the nightstand or under the bed.

### **OTHER ROOMS**

- Upholstered furniture in other rooms will need to be thoroughly inspected and possibly treated. Any blankets, throw pillows, etc. should be bagged and dried at high temperatures for at least 30 minutes.
- Use a vacuum to thoroughly clean under cushions and into the cracks under the cushions.
- Vacuum carpeting and floor thoroughly, especially along the baseboards with a crack and crevice attachment.
- Dispose of the vacuum bag immediately in a sealed plastic bag in an outdoor trash receptacle.

### **PETS**

- Aquariums should have the air pump disconnected and the top covered by a damp towel. Saltwater tanks may need to be removed from the premises as the air pump cannot be disconnected.
- Birds, dogs, cats and other pets should be taken to another location until after the treatments have had time to dry (usually 4 hours).

### **AFTER THE SERVICE**

- People and pets should stay out of the space a minimum of 4 hours after the service is completed.
- Warning: Removing infested items from the infested Unit/Room may increase the spreading of your bed bug problem. Do not remove items from infested rooms except those that have been properly placed in sealed heavy duty plastics bags to be laundered.

**Following these steps is essential to ensure the complete control of any bed bug infestation. It may take four weeks (or longer) to gain effective control of bed bugs, so your patience and help are greatly appreciated.**

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Customer Signature

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Technician Signature

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Date