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## PRE-TREATMENT BED BUG PROCEDURES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

In order for E&G Exterminators to provide a proper Bed Bug treatment, there are a few things that we need you to do prior to treatment. **These preparations are crucial to your treatment**; however we try to keep these preparations to a minimum. Please understand that only the basic procedures are listed. Each home is different, so if there is something specific that needs to be done for your home, we will let you know.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

DO DO NOT

- ✓ Empty and clear off the tops of all dressers, nightstands, vanities, and other furniture. We will need to treat the inside and bottoms.
- ✓ Reduce Clutter. Belongings strewn about rooms and closets allow many places for bed bugs to hide, and hinders inspections and treatment
- ✓ Remove all bedding (pillows, sheets, blankets, dust ruffles, etc.) and separate box springs and mattresses. Upon removal immediately place these items in a sealed plastic bag
- ✓ Remove all pets from the property including birds, dogs, cats, small animals, etc. Wrap fish tanks with plastic wrap and turn off air filters.

- Do not store any items under the beds. This can give the bed bugs extra places to hide and any personal items cannot be treated with a pesticide.
- Do not throw away any infested furniture or beds without taking proper precautions.
- Do not bring new furniture into the home prior to full bed bug control. Bed Bus spread easily and breed quickly. Any new furniture would likely end up infested.
- Do not take personal items with you if you are going to sleep in a different place. Bed bugs can hide undetected in any crevice and are transferred very easily.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Our Pest Control Technician will need access to closets, inside drawers and cabinets, headboards, and other areas that people would typically store personal, valuable and private belongings. Please secure these items. You will need to purchase mattress and box spring covers. Once the initial treatment has been performed you will need to cover your mattresses and box springs with plastic encasements.

Laundering your garments and bedding often is necessary in order to gain control in a bed bug infestation. Place these items in a plastic sealed bag to transfer. When washing these items, it is necessary to wash them in temperatures of 120 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, then dried in clothes dire using temperatures of 120-140 degrees Fahrenheit.

Vacuuming can be very useful for removing bed bugs and eggs from mattresses, carpets, walls, and other surfaces. Pay particular attention to seams tufts and edges of mattresses and box springs. Dispose of the vacuum bags in a sealed trash bag immediately after vacuuming is completed. Steam cleaning of carpets is also helpful for killing bugs and eggs that vacuuming may have missed.

In order to allow chemicals to dry and for safety, you will need to leave the premises for approximately 3-4 hours after treatment has been completed.