

# The Bug Blaster, Inc.

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### Check list for Treatment of Bedbugs

**\*\*\*ALL STEPS MUST BE COMPLETED FOR SUCCESSFUL RESULTS\*\*\*** If all steps are completed as directed subsequent treatments should not be as labor intensive to the customer/tenant. Additional tips and suggestions may be offered by technician at time of service. Pre-treatment check list should be completed 24 hours prior to technician's arrival.

#### Pre-Treatment:

- \_\_\_ 1. **General clean up:** Tidy up all areas of dwelling. Pick up clothes on floor, general items on floor and any items piled in corners. Dispose of any boxed items. Newspapers, magazines, papers, clutter of any sort only provide more places for bed bugs to hide. These items should be discarded if possible.
- \_\_\_ 2. **Vacuum entire house.** Entire house must be vacuumed extremely thoroughly including inside each closet, under furniture, furniture cushions, mattresses etc.
  - Seal vacuum cleaner bag and immediately dispose of OUTSIDE of dwelling.
  - For canister vacuums, we strongly recommend sprinkling Diatomaceous Earth or talcum powder on a 3ft section carpet prior to completion of vacuuming. (This process will kill any live bugs that may remain in vacuum.)
- \_\_\_ 3. **Secure valuables:** Please make sure to secure any private, valuables or important items, as a technician will be going through closets, opening drawers, etc.
- \_\_\_ 4. **Unlock doors:** Unlock all doors in unit being serviced. All bedrooms, closets, etc. should be unlocked.
- \_\_\_ 5. **Remove Pets.** All pets, lizards, dogs, cats, birds, etc. **MUST** be removed from dwelling, **PRIOR** to technician's arrival. Fish tanks must be sealed (turn off filter and air supply, wrap tank with plastic wrap).
- \_\_\_ 6. **Children's Toys will need to be washed.** Using a strong detergent in HOT water; wash children's toys thoroughly, place in plastic bag/container, and store in garage or cool area away from affected area.
  - Any stuffed animal type toys that cannot be washed in machine with HOT water should be placed in sealed bag and stored in **garage** or cool area **for at least 1 year** or disposed of.
- \_\_\_ 7. **Do Not:** Do not place any items on top of beds. Do not strip linens from beds. Do not move beds or other furniture. Do not store items on or under beds.
- \_\_\_ 8. **Prepare to vacate dwelling:** Be prepared to vacate dwelling during service. No re-entry allowed for at least 3-4 hours after service is complete

## **Post-Treatment:**

Mattresses and box springs will be covered in certified bed bug proof encasements. **DO NOT** remove encasements for any reason. Bed frame legs and other furniture legs may have insect interceptors under them. **DO NOT** remove or move these devices. We may seal items that need to be laundered in trash bags. You will be notified of any additional preparations which may be needed to facilitate the remaining service. If baseboard heating is present, we will be turning it on when we arrive then turning it off when we leave.

- \_\_\_1. **Launder ALL clothing & linens on HOT cycle.** This also includes pet bedding. You must wash and dry all clothing & linens on the hottest cycle for successful results.

**DO NOT TAKE LAUNDRY TO LAUDRY MAT!!\*\*THIS WILL ONLY SPREAD THE BEDBUGS TO ANY CUSTOMERS USING THE LAUDRY FACILTY\*\***

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- \_\_\_3. **Additional tasks:** Vacuum daily and launder all bed linens weekly. Bed linens should be washed in hot water, dry completely in dryer.