

# Bed Bug Treatment Preparation Checklist

## CHECK LIST:

- \_\_\_ Strip the bed(s) and launder all sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, and blankets.
- \_\_\_ Remove everything from bedroom closet(s) and place in sealed plastic bags.
- \_\_\_ Remove everything from dresser drawers, nightstands, and dressing tables and place in sealed plastic bags.
- \_\_\_ Have all clothing and fabrics laundered (hot wash / hot dryer cycle) or dry-cleaned.
- \_\_\_ Remove drapes and have them laundered, dry cleaned, or replaced.
- \_\_\_ Discard cardboard boxes, shoeboxes, paper and plastic bags, old newspapers, stacks of magazines, and similar items in all potentially infested rooms.
- \_\_\_ Vacuum all infested rooms, including the floor, mattresses, bedsprings, couches, chairs, closets and closet shelves, shoes, inside dresser drawers and bedside drawers. Vacuum bags are to be placed in a sealed plastic bag and discarded.

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Discarding of any compromised (ripped / torn) materials or heavily infested items may be required.
- Dismantling of bed frames and other items will be performed as part of the service program.
- Should the box spring remain, removal of the cheesecloth underside is required for proper inspection and/or application.
- Zippered mattress / box spring encasements will be used. Mattresses can be used (back on bed frame) but must remain in these encasements for at least thirty days. Linens are to go over the encasements.
- If laundering, a hot water & detergent cycle + hot dryer must be used.
- A clutter-free environment must be provided in order to allow access for the service technician to treat all of the needed areas.
- Before removing all bagged items the client should inspect for pest activity.
- The client should not touch or move any monitoring device placed by the technician.
- "Booster" insecticide treatments MUST NOT be performed by the client.