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BED BUGS PREP SHEET

Preparation of a room for treatment is essential to the successful management of bed bugs. Most pest managers prefer to conduct an inspection BEFORE any cleaning or rearranging has occurred. This gives the pest manager a sense of the full extent of the problem and prevents disturbance and spread of bed bugs before treatment. However, once bed bugs are located and the size of the problem has been estimated, room preparation must be done, and usually by the resident. Some clients may need help, and the pest control professional or building management must be sensitive to this.

Suggested room preparation steps include:

- All Electronics must be unplugged.
- Empty drawers and closets and place belongings into plastic bags. Place all clothing and coats into bags for transport to the laundry. Shoes, pillows, and children's plush toys should be bagged for the laundry.
- Plastic toys, books, electronics, and anything that cannot be washed should be bagged for inspection.
- The room should be empty of all cloth and plush items, except plush furniture. If possible, the pillows of plush furniture should be removed and laundered.
- Move Furniture at least 18 inches away from the walls. People may need help with this.
- Remove outlet covers and switch plates on all walls.
- People and pets must leave the area during treatment and wait the stated amount of time before reentering, usually 4 hours.
- If there is a fish tank in the household, it should be covered with a towel or plastic, because fish are very sensitive to many pesticides.
- Make sure the pest control professional can get to all furniture, closets, sinks, beds, and baseboards to inspect and treat.