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Preparations for Bedbug Treatment:

Things you will need: Vacuum, Garbage Bags, Washing Machine, Dryer, Sealed Storage Bins, rubbing alcohol and Duct Tape.

Step 1. Prior to treatment, remove all bedding from the mattresses, gather all linens and all clothing from the areas to be treated, wash and dry them and place them in garbage bags. All items should be removed from the dressers and closets in areas where bedbugs have been found. Vacuum items that are not machine washable and place them in a sealed bin or bag to prevent bedbugs from gaining access. Wipe down all areas with isopropyl rubbing alcohol.

Step 2. All items that are machine washable- pillows, curtains, stuffed animals, etc. should be washed in hot water and dried using the hottest setting possible They should then be placed in NEW BAGS to avoid recontamination and all used bags should be discarded in an outside trash can. ***Please note:** Keep all items in bags until after the second treatment (approximately 14 days later). Preparations are also necessary for the follow up treatment , so be sure to leave accessible any and all items that you may need in the 2 week period between treatments.

Step 3. Unplug all electronic devices in rooms that will be treated. This will make the area more accessible to the technician. Remove all electrical outlets and light switch plates if possible, as well as any mounted lights, frames, pictures and mirrors.

Step 4. Wash or Vacuum floors, carpets, moldings, electrical sockets, couches and rugs (if not machine washable.) Particular attention should be given to known harborage areas such as bedrooms and other sleeping areas. Empty the contents of the vacuum into a garbage bag seal it up and dispose of it outside immediately.

Step 5. Move all objects away from the perimeter of the rooms to be treated. The technician will need access to all areas of the room , including closets. Vacuum along the entire perimeter of the room.

Step 6. Remove or at least cover all fish/reptile tanks. Turn off air to any animal tanks. Remove pet food that is out in the open. ***Please note:** All animals, including cats, dogs and birds must be removed from the premises for several hours if the complete residence will be treated. You will also need to air out the space prior to bringing the pets back. *****EVERYONE, especially small children, elderly people and people with medical conditions must be out of the residence prior to the treatment. *** NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Step 7. Be sure to leave a contact number with your technician, should he have a question while treating your home.

Step 8. Remove all valuables and fragile items from areas to be treated.

Step 9. On the day the treatment is to be rendered, beds and box springs must be taken off of the frame and standing up. All furniture should be moved at least 1 foot from the walls.

Please Note: Re-Entry time is 5 hours after completion of service.

Complete and proper preparation is the key to the successful eradication of bedbugs. The greater the preparations, the more effective the treatment will be. Little to no preparations will result in poor results.

Some upholstered items, such as couches or chairs may need to be thrown out. Let the professional exterminator determine what can be saved. If discarding furniture, spray paint it to discourage someone from bringing it back into your building or their home. Wrap all items to be thrown out completely in plastic prior to moving them out of your home.

FOLLOWING THE TREATMENT:

Do not clean with Ammonia or Bleach products to avoid neutralizing the residual pesticides. Vinegar base or any other environmentally safe product is recommended.

Do not mop for at least 30 days after the treatment. This will give the insecticide time to eliminate all stages of the bedbug infestation.

It is recommended that mattresses and box springs be covered with approved bedbug proof encasements. These cases are available for purchase through NYC Pest Control for your convenience.