



Bed Bug Prevention & Treatment Prep

Residential

Bed bugs can be difficult to eliminate when they infest your home unless everyone is working together! Please follow the professional pest technician's instructions and if you have questions let us know. We're here to help! The following tips will help us to get rid of your bed bug problem quickly and effectively!

1. Prevent Spread of Infestation:

Don't move any of your belongings to another home before or during treatment process. You might spread bed bugs to another home, your car, or workplace and then re-infest your home after it has been treated. Don't move items from the infested area to a non-infested area. Place trash or other infested items directly into plastic trash bags. Dispose of sealed trash in outside trash can. Move as few items as possible and have them checked for bed bugs and heat in dryer before removing them.

2. Treatment Prep:

Remove mattress encasements if in use. Transport all clothing/bedding items collected & bagged to laundry room.

Do not return clothing/bedding to infested rooms until the initial treatment has been completed. If possible before initial appointment reduce clutter (Step 3) throughout home if needed.

Immediately before or after treatment:

Wash all bedding, plush items, clothing in bedroom dressers, and on the floor in hot water. Place the items in a dryer set on the highest setting for at least 30 minutes, which kills both live bed bugs and eggs. Do not overfill dryer (fill to 50% capacity max). Dry the items thoroughly and then place them in new sealed trash bags. Keep them separate from items that may be infested. Clothing that can't be dried can be dry-cleaned or if needed fumigated (step 3).

Remember any bedding or clothing potentially infested needs to be dried after treatment. Put in the dryer set on the highest setting for 30 minutes. Bag these items immediately after drying and store in plastic storage totes or trash bags. If items not needed leave stored until home cleared. Items returned to bedroom may need dried after follow-up service.

Depending on infestation level found upon professional inspection of the home additional items may need dried, such as curtains, pillows, towels, stuffed animals, etc. If additional drying/cleaning

recommendations are indicated by pest professional please follow these after the initial treatment and complete prior to the follow-up service scheduled in 4-6 weeks.

3. Reduce Clutter:

This step is very important for quick results! A cluttered home is difficult to inspect and more difficult to treat effectively, because bed bugs are experts at finding hiding places. Throw away unneeded items. Pick up and bag all loose items in bedrooms, such as clothing on floor in residence and bedroom closet floors.

It is key to provide access to walls, closets, and areas around furniture to allow for a thorough inspection and treatment. Dispose of excess magazines, newspapers, trash, & clutter. Keep clothing off the floor. Eliminate all cardboard boxes (the bugs can hide in the cardboard). Replace with plastic totes, if you need the storage.

Ampulex cannot treat any room with food exposed. Make sure to put all food items, including pet food, in fridge/cabinets and children's toys away for treatment.

4. Cleaning:

Vacuum all floors. Vacuum the mattress and box spring to remove live/dead bed bugs. To prevent bed bugs from escaping, be sure to place the vacuum bag or empty vacuum contents into a sealed plastic bag before disposing. To avoid re-introducing or spreading any bed bugs caught in the vacuum throw away in an outside trash can immediately.

Vacuum couches, chairs and recliners thoroughly before treatment. Bed bugs are often found in couches and upholstered chairs. If possible, turn the furniture over or on its side/back and vacuum underneath as well. If there is a dust cover attached on the underside, pull it back and vacuum.

These areas will need to be treated. Regularly vacuum up any live or dead bugs/eggs found and dispose of in a sealed outdoor trash can. You may clean up the dust after service. We do ask that you **do Not** vigorously clean baseboards and in furniture crevices until after residence all clear.

5. Fumigation:

Items that cannot be washed, such as: books, electronics, picture frames, plastic toys, knick-knacks, etc. into a large storage bin with a lid. If needed these items can be fumigated by placing in the storage bin with a fumigation strip and sealing with the lid for 10 days. Do not overfill bin. You can rotate new items every 10 days since these professional fumigation strips continue to be effective for around 6 months. To keep strip fresh keep sealed in tote.

Any food including pet food must be put away.

6. Evacuate:

It is necessary for you and your pets to vacate the premises during the service and to not reenter until at least 2-3 hours after treatment. This gives time for the products to settle. If you or a pet are unable to vacate please let us know, so we can make alternative treatment arrangements. Fish aquariums may be left on site, however, they should be covered and air filters must be disconnected. Persons with underlying pulmonary health conditions should vacate the residence for 3-4 hrs after treatment.

7. Mattress Encasements:

If you have mattress encasements do not put back on bed until given an all clear from pest professional. If encasements are needed we can provide those at discounted price from our supplier. These professional encasements are thick enough so that bed bugs cannot bite through it and have tight zippers that the bugs cannot get through. It is highly recommended the proper mattress encasements be applied after free of bed bugs to protect your mattress from bed bugs in the future.

8. After Treatment Instructions:

Every residence and infestation is different, so please check your invoice notes for any additional notes or instructions that will need to be done prior to this follow up service in 4-6 weeks. If you see any live bug activity after the initial treatment don't panic just be sure to let the Ampulex technician know the location of this at the appointment. When possible please save the live bug in a baggie or pill bottle for us to examine at the follow-up service. Once surfaces in the residence are dry they can be wiped down, but please do not vigorously clean baseboards, wall outlets, or under bedroom furniture. You may vacuum up the dead bugs/eggs, however do not vacuum all dust product from inside crevices of furniture. The dust application is very effective and long acting, so it works over time in the weeks between your appointments. Any clothing or linens that were not fully laundered prior to the first service please do so before the second treatment.

Adhering to the Ampulex Pest Professional's instructions & prep will obtain results faster, so we appreciate your cooperation.

We're here to help your residence become and stay bed bug free!

If you have any questions at please do not hesitate to contact us through our website www.ampulexpestcontrol.com/contact-us/ or call (513)550-5352.