



FLEA TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



How To Prepare For Your Flea Treatment

CHECKLIST

- All bed linens and pet bedding must be laundered.
 - Remove all sheets, covers, dust ruffles, comforters, pillows, and any other bedding covers from your mattress and box spring in all bedrooms. Run all bed linens through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes.
 - Replacing the original bedding without treatment at high heat is likely to reintroduce bed bugs to the treated room, which could result in control failure.
- All pets within the home must be treated with an approved flea control product. This product will not be supplied by 1st Pest Control, we recommend you discuss flea treatment options with your veterinarian.
- Baseboards throughout the entire home must be clear. Please move all furniture 12 inches away from walls to allow access by our technicians. This includes the interior of all closets throughout the home.
- Fleas prefer to hide in tight confined spaces. Reduction of clutter from your unit will drastically improve the chance of a successful treatment.
- Do not place any items on top of the bed, couch or armchairs in the unit during your preparation as we will likely be manipulating/moving these items to fully treat them.
- Remove all items from behind/under couches and under beds.
- No food should be exposed in the home. Ensure that the kitchen is clean and that all food items are sealed in containers or placed in the refrigerator. Please collect all water cups, coffee mugs, pet food and water bowls prior to treatment.



- Every day: Vacuum all floors including; carpets, wood, tile, focus should be directed to the edges, cracks and crevices. Use your vacuums extension tool to target the seams, tufts, edges of your furniture where fabric pests may be hiding, remembering that fleas prefer to hide in tight confined spaces. Once vacuuming is complete the canister or bag should be emptied and disposed of. Fleas can survive being vacuumed up

————— After Your Treatment —————

Live fleas may be visible for 1-2 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. Remember that fleas may not leave their harborage for a number of days after treatment, However, all fleas will die within 1-2 days after exposing themselves to the pesticides that have been applied. The products applied will only be effective if the following steps are taken after your home is serviced:

- DO NOT use other pesticides (powders or sprays) or cleaning products near areas that have been sprayed, as these products will reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of the treatment.
- Upon re-entry to your home, do not wash any of the baseboards for a period of at least four weeks. The pesticide used has a residual component and if washed it will become ineffective.
- Use clean sheets and blankets on all beds, sheets should be changed frequently to eliminate any bugs that reinfest the fresh linens.
- Daily vacuuming after the treatment should be completed, especially along the baseboards. Use the extension tool to get into corners and cracks. Furniture should also be vacuumed daily with a focus on the seams, tufts and edges.
- You may return all items back to their original positions within your home after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find fleas; we encourage our clients to unpack slowly as an additional treatment may be required and preparation may need to be re completed prior to a follow up service.



What You Can Expect From Your Treatment

Your technician will use a variety of methods to control the pest depending on each unique situation. Residual and non-residual pesticides will be applied and will be used in a manner that is most effective to take full control of the pest situation specific to your home. All treatments will be completed using an IPM (integrated pest management) approach with your health and safety in mind.

Safety

It is necessary for you and your pets to leave your home during the treatment and to remain out of the home for a minimum of 4 hours post treatment being completed. Your pest control technician will supply you with a confirmed re-entry time before you leave.

Aquariums must be covered with a wet towel and have their filters turned off.

Anyone who has allergies, asthma, is pregnant, children under the age of 2 or anyone with respiratory problems should consult their family doctor should they have concerns regarding this re-entry time.

Upon re-entry, open the windows for 20 minutes to properly ventilate the treated rooms.

In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911

Additional Questions

Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information www.1stpestcontrol.ca, by contacting our office at 1.844.737.8226 or 604.861.7378 or info@1stpestcontrol.ca

If you are a tenant in a building managed by a property manager who has scheduled this service for you, please direct your questions to your property management company.