



# PERIMETER UNIT BED BUG TREATMENT CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



## How To Prepare For Your Perimeter Bed Bug Treatment

Your unit is being preventatively treated to prevent the spread of bed bugs. This preparation guideline is designed to be effective for units that do not have an active infestation. If you have found a live bed bug since being issued with this notice please advise your management company as a full bed bug treatment rather than this partial treatment will need to be completed.

### CHECKLIST

- 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.
- Remove all electrical wall cover plates, phone jack plates, and light switch covers in the infested areas.
- 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.
- Birds and pets must be removed from the premises for the duration of your treatment and its recommended stay away time. Fish tanks can be covered with a damp towel and the air filter/pump turned off.



## After Your Treatment

Our pesticides, unfortunately, do not provide an instant kill; the products do not kill bed bug eggs. Once hatched bed bug nymphs will have to cross the product that we have applied in order to die, this may take 10 to 14 days. 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.
- Daily vacuuming after the treatment should be completed, especially along the baseboards.
- You may return all items and furniture back to their original positions within your home after the initial treatment is completed.

## 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.



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## Safety

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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

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## Additional Questions

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Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information [www.1stpestcontrol.ca](http://www.1stpestcontrol.ca), by contacting our office at 1.844.737.8226 or 604.861.7378 or [info@1stpestcontrol.ca](mailto: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.