

## **Preparations for Initial cleanout Bedbug treatments:**

**It is imperative to follow the instructions outlined below. Our ability to effectively mitigate the Bedbug problem depends on being able to access all areas where these pests dwell.**

**Bedrooms:** Remove all linens from the beds and wash. Remove mattresses from top of box spring and place both on their sides (we will need to have access under the bed). Remove everything from Headboard and place in sealable plastic bags.

Remove all items from dresser, vanity, night stand and bureau drawers and place in sealable plastic bags.

Remove all items from closets.

Place bags and other items where they will not restrict access to bedrooms and closets.

**Living and Family rooms:** Roll up all "area" and "throw" rugs and place together where they can be treated. The garage or basement is suggested for this.

Remove all items from coffee, end and sofa tables as well as bookshelves, hutches, TV stands, cd/dvd/tape cabinets and entertainment stands and place in sealable plastic bags.

**Basements, Laundry and mud rooms:** Move all clothing and stored items away from washer, dryer and sink areas. Finished and especially occupied basement should be prepped as thoroughly as Living and Bedrooms.

**All areas:** Locations where walls and ceilings as well as walls and floors meet need to be accessible to service personnel.

All large items need to be moved at least 2 feet away from walls. This allows service personnel to access all harborage areas.

Dispose of all "Do-it-yourself" pesticides (e.g. Raid, Ortho, etc.)

Place all sealed plastic bags where they are not restricting access to rooms and closets

Thoroughly vacuum all floors, baseboards, carpets and upholstered furniture, concentrating under beds, under cushions and cheese cloth of sofas, chairs and love seats.

Wash and dry all clothes, stuffed animals, jackets, linens, drapes, curtains and blankets on a hot cycle. If item can't be washed at least place in dryer for a cycle.

**We require that all persons and pets vacate the premises during the treatment and remain away for at least 2 hours.**