

AMERIGUARD EXTERMINATING

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Bed Bug Treatments

The average bed bug treatment takes a MINIMUM of 3 services over a three week span (once per week). We recommend you not change or miss the scheduled day of service. Missing a scheduled service may result in missing a hatching cycle. If a hatching cycle is missed than the treatment may need to restart.

Preparing For Your Bed Bug Treatment

Proper preparation is an essential step for ensuring the most effective results for your upcoming bed bug treatments. The following detailed instructions are necessary before your scheduled treatment. Preparation involves everything from providing adequate access to your unit or property, to cleaning and post-treatment recommendations. We recognize that appropriate preparation can be difficult to achieve in a short period of time and that senior citizens or handicapped individuals may need additional assistance and time considerations.

PLEASE NOTE: Ameriguard Exterminating will not provide treatment to any unit or property that has not met the preparations that follow in this instructional document.

Items Needed for Preparation

1. Black Trash Bags*
2. Laundry Detergent*
3. Color Safe Bleach*
4. 1- Hot Shot No-Pest Strip
5. SAFE ZONE- Garage or Patio Space in which items can be stored

*Ameriguard Exterminating recommends using generic products in order to save on cost. Additional items may be necessary.



Room and Furniture Preparation

All furniture should be pulled away from the walls and baseboards at least 2 feet.

Follow the 3 B's

Bare Bed, Bare Floors, Bare Furniture

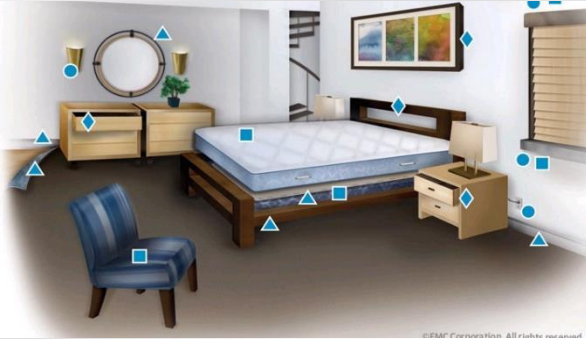
1. Ensure that the felt and bumper guards are taken off of the box springs and couches, then bagged and thrown away IMMEDIATELY. **DO NOT TAKE THEM THROUGH THE HOUSE UNBAGGED!**
2. Wooden bed frames and/ or bunk beds should be taken apart. Screws need to be placed in a plastic bag.
3. Empty the bottoms of closets- clothing and stored items, placing them in plastic bags and moving to the SAFE ZONE.
4. Remove contents from dressers and night stands so that the interiors may be treated. Items should be placed in SAFE ZONE.
5. Remove books from shelving and place in boxes in the SAFE ZONE.
6. Remove all pictures, mirrors and hanging items from the walls so that they may be inspected for treatment.
6. Items stored in storage containers that have been unopened are safe and should be kept in the SAFE ZONE.
7. All clothing and bedding with the exception of those hanging in the closet need to be placed in plastic bags and moved to the SAFE ZONE.
8. Toys should be placed in bins and stuffed animals in bags and moved to the SAFE ZONE.
9. Remove cloth curtains, place in a bag and move to SAFE ZONE.

BED BUG PREPARATION LIST

DON'T:



DO:



***** DO NOT BUY BED BUG COVERS *****

Disposal of Furniture

There are differing opinions as to whether or not it is necessary to dispose of mattresses, box springs, futons, sofas and other furniture. The cost involved in replacement of beds and other furniture is something to consider when deciding what works for you. It is clear that replacing these items alone will not solve a bed bug problem. The decision to replace the bed unit and other furniture often depends on the condition of and the level of infestation within the items, the comfort of the owner, and whether or not the owner can afford replacement.

Post Treatment

Once the initial treatment has been completed please allow for an appropriate amount of time for the materials used to dry completely. Once furniture and floors are dry you, your children, and/or your pets may resume normally. From this point forward you may carry on with your normal household activities; however, in order to prevent the need to repeat many of the steps necessary to prepare for your follow-up treatment, we do recommend that you not move your furniture and items back into place if at all possible. In most cases a follow-up treatment has already been scheduled for you and generally will fall within 1 week from the initial treatment.

We do understand that thorough preparation may present a considerable hardship for some, but we cannot stress the importance that it has on the overall effectiveness of treatment. Throughout this process we recommend living with the bare minimal. If you should have any questions regarding the content included in this preparation guideline or in the checklist that follows, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Laundering

Everything within the SAFE ZONE that can be laundered, should be laundered and placed in clean/new plastic bags throughout the treatment process. DO NOT do any washing until after the first treatment. Typically we recommend doing all washing at a local laundromat so if anything falls out then it is happening off of the residence. The list of items that should be included in laundering are listed at the end of this document and include such items as drapes, stuffed animals, bed skirts, etc.

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1. Wash all laundry items with two chemicals- a detergent and a color safe bleach are recommended.

2. Launder all items (including linens and bedding) according to the manufacturer's label, however, whenever possible use the highest allowable heat settings in both the washer and drier. Temperatures reaching 140 degrees (or above) have been proven to kill all stages of bed bug development.



3. Bags used to transport laundry prior to the washing/ drying cycles should never be reused and should be discarded outside of the property after transportation. All clean items should be placed in new bags, sealed tightly, and remain sealed during the treatment process.

Cleaning Throughout The Treatment Process

Vacuuming- Vacuuming is allowed although we recommend discarding all vacuum bags immediately after each use or cleaning filters, and canisters with bleach water.

Mopping- Typically we recommend mopping the day before each treatment if mopping is absolutely necessary.

Walls- No worries, there is no need to clean the baseboards. Leave them be!

Don't Bother Wasting Your Money

Don't bother wasting your money on the following:

1. Bed Bug Covers- These tear easily and all they do is provide a bridge over our chemicals so that the bed bugs can get safely to you!

2. Store bought chemicals- After many years of being used, bed bugs have formed an immunity to the chemical compounds found inside store bought chemicals. Our chemicals are different and much stronger, you need to be a licensed pest control professional in order to buy what we use.

3. Diatomaceous Earth Powder- Contrary to most blogs and articles, diatomaceous earth DOES NOT work with bed bugs. This is a powder that truly only works with scorpions. We have seen many cases where bed bugs travel right over the powder and are just fine.

4. Alcohol- Rubbing alcohol does work with bed bugs although it has to be directly placed on the bed bug to have any effect. It does not leave a residue, unlike or chemical which do, therefore it will not kill anything that crawls across it once it is dry,

5. Fog Bombs- These also do not leave a residue therefor they are useless for the bed bugs that are protected under furniture, baseboards, clothing and within cracks and crevices.

If you have bought any of the above items, return them and get your money back!

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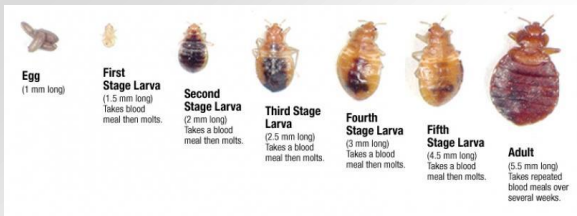
Bed Bug FAQ

Q: What are Bed Bugs?

A: Bed bugs are parasitic insects that feed on the blood of humans.

Q: What Do Bed Bugs Look Like?

A: Adult Bed bugs look something like an apple seed, and are small (approximately ¼ inch long), oval in shape, and are reddish-brown in color. Juvenile Bed bugs, known as nymphs, differ from adults in that they are often much smaller (1 millimeter) and may appear clear or tan in color.



Q: Can I See Bed Bugs?

A: While Bed bugs are visible to the naked eye they're most active at night & due to their cryptic nature they're not often seen during the day.

Q: Where do Bed Bugs Hide?

A: Because Bed bugs are small and flat, they are able to squeeze into tiny cracks and crevices on the mattress and box spring, behind headboards, and inside furniture. Although, unlike their they prefer the baseboards first and once those are full begin to lay their eggs elsewhere such as bed frames, box springs, etc.

Q: How Did I Get Them?

A: Bed bugs are adept hitchhikers. They travel in luggage, on clothing and inside furniture. They are found in hotels, movie theaters, train cars, airplanes and many other public places where people are at rest for a period of time. Contrary to common believe, they are not a result of a lack of cleanliness.

Q: What Do Bed Bug Bites Look Like?

A: Bed bug bites are difficult to distinguish from flea or mosquito bites because (as with all biting insects) not all skin reactions are the same. Bed bugs bite the exposed skin of humans while they are sleeping or at rest, often including the neck, face, arms and hands. Some humans are allergic to the serum that is injected therefore bites are more discernable on those victims.



Q: Why Am I Being Bitten and My "Significant Other" Isn't?

A: The anesthetic that a Bed bug uses to numb your skin- -so you won't feel the bite-- may or may not cause a visible allergic reaction. This allergic reaction may cause raised, red bumps or blemish-like skin irritation, accompanied by an itching sensation. While some people find that they observe mild to severe discomfort and itchiness, others may observe no discomfort or bite marks at all. They also prefer the human who emits more oxygen.

Q: Can I Treat for Bed Bugs Myself?

A: Bed bugs are "maddeningly difficult" to treat, even for our well-trained technicians. You should not attempt to control an infestation with do-it-yourself products, but rather leave the treatment to the professionals.

Q: How Does Ameriguard Exterminating Treat for Bed Bugs?

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A: Ameriguard Exterminating uses the latest products and techniques in the battle against these blood-sucking arthropods. While individual circumstances vary from household to household, we may use a combination of techniques.

Q: How Many Treatments Will It Take To Get Rid of Bed Bugs?

A: Typically at least three treatments are needed. This is because bed bugs eggs, which are very small, hard to locate, and may survive treatment, may hatch into tiny bed bug nymphs which are often unaffected by the pesticide residue of the prior treatments.

Q: Should I Throw Out My Mattress and Furniture?

A: In most cases Ameriguard Exterminating does not recommend that you discard mattresses, box springs, or furniture as these items can be inspected and treated successfully.

Q: How do I stay safe while travelling?

A: Be sure during travel, that luggage never touches the bed. Place all luggage on the luggage rack or in a room such as the bathroom. Place dirty clothes inside a trash bag inside your suitcase and when you arrive home, wash all clothing right away. Try to avoid bringing your luggage inside your home, a garage is preferred. If luggage absolutely has to be brought inside ensure that it never goes in the bedroom or on furniture.



*Bed Bugs found within a library book



*Bed Bugs at all stages of life



*Bed Bugs found on luggage

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