

Cullen Pest Control

Heat Pre-treatment Checklist

This pre-treatment checklist details the steps of preparation the occupants should take to insure a successful treatment. This checklist must be covered thoroughly by the occupants. Basically, the room needs to look as if you are packed up and ready to move - besides the furniture.

DO NOT DO ANY SPRAYING, DUSTING, OR FOGGING PRIOR TO THIS TREATMENT!

- () Strip the beds and immediately place bedding into garbage bags and securely tie it closed to prevent spreading bed bugs to other areas while taking it to the laundry, and when through with that bag seal it in another bag and remove it from the house. Do this with any clothes that are removed from the room to be washed. Clothes may remain in closet on hangers as long as they can be spaced a minimum of 1/2 in. apart. Clothes may remain in drawers, but not more than 1 inch deep. Other clothes may remain in the room LOOSLY in milk crates, wicker baskets, or any other well-ventilated container. Shoes, stuffed animals, clean clothes can be run in the dryer for a full cycle or at least 30 minutes on high heat. On a lower heat setting for delicate items, the dryer needs to be run longer.
- () All furniture needs to be at least one foot from the wall. Dust covers on the underside of furniture may be pulled down to allow for treatment. **Don't forget to check for and remove items under beds!** Water beds or air beds need to be emptied.
- () If the mattress is to be discarded, NEVER remove it from a room without properly wrapping it first, and carry it CAREFULLY out of the house and dispose of. Dragging it out or rubbing against walls may scatter bedbugs off of it.
- () Closet shelves and floor must not be packed tight with blankets or boxes full of clothes or other items.
- () All cushions, frames, mattresses, cabinets, and desks are to remain in the space to be treated. Leave all drawers and doors open.
- () All vinyl blinds and faux wood blinds must be taken off the walls prior to treatment and laid flat on the floor, or pulled all the way up. The heat can make them droop and become unusable.
- () All area rugs should be rolled up and then placed in the corners of room.
- () Because we use high power fans to distribute the heat around the room, we need trash removed from receptacles and ashtrays emptied.
- () If you have vacuumed in the rooms to be treated you MUST remove the bag and dispose of it, along with thoroughly inspecting the vacuum for bed bugs. Leave the vacuum in an area to be heated.
- () Remove all pressurized cylinders, aerosol cans, paintings, flammable chemicals, any types of oils, soaps, candles, crayons, chocolate, cosmetics, cans and bottled alcohol and soda, medications, cologne.
- () Remove small items such as picture frames, paintings, or paperwork that may be blown down or around by air circulation during the treatment.
- () Remove oil paintings, aquariums containing fish, and other pets from the room.
- () Remove fruits and vegetables that may be out and store them in the refrigerator.

- () One-of-a-kind items such as heirlooms and irreplaceable possessions should be removed from the premises prior to treatment. Items must be inspected or treated before bringing back into the room.
- () Remove items hanging on the wall such as pictures, clocks, posters, or anything that could be blown down because of the fans. Some items may be left in the room or placed in a bathtub (if bathroom not to be heated) until inspected or treated since bed bugs cannot climb the slick sides.
- () Unplug all TV's and other electronic equipment except major appliances. Electronics have a potential for infestation, particularly close to the bed, and are usually rated for temperatures 150 degrees F and up.
- () Other personal items, toys, etc. may be placed in large Ziploc bags until they can be inspected or treated.
- () Remove vinyl records, tapes, and any other backup media. DVD's, and CD's usually will be fine
- () Turn off all heat and air conditioning systems.
- () Remove all live plants.
- () Collector pop and beer cans that are unopened need to be out of the room.
- () All people and animals must leave the premises for the day. Make sure the clothes you wear have been in the dryer for at least 30 minutes on high heat including shoes, to be assured you don't carry any bed bugs out and back in.

During the treatment, it is necessary for us to move furniture around and upside down, so your rooms may be a little "turned around" when you return.

Parking can become an issue because we come with 1-2 trucks plus a trailer. We ask that you talk to your neighbors, friends, or building manager to help allow us parking where we need to be.

This thermal treatment of your home will in most cases take till late afternoon. You may need to stay out of some rooms after treatment to allow the room to cool down. Particularly metal items may stay hot for a while.

Your bed bug infestation came to you from your exposure to a bed bug infestation, infested furniture brought into the residence, or a visitor that may unknowingly bring them in with luggage or other items. It is important to identify the source to prevent re-infestation. **This treatment is to eliminate your current infestation and will not prevent future problems of bed bugs being re-introduced in the property!**

Cullen Pest Control assumes no liability to structures not built to local codes, or for faulty plumbing or electric wiring.

HIGH TEMPERATURE AND AIR TURBULENT WARNING: Heat treatments involve temperatures reaching up to 140 - 150 degrees or more. The above precautions are suggestions and do not include everything that may be affected by the treatment. It is the customer's responsibility to safeguard these items. Cullen Pest Control assumes no liability for damages to property or items that are not heat safe. The high-power fans we use can blow small items over and blow papers and etc. around. Please have these items secured in a box.

