

Steam treatment prep sheet.

Only some areas and articles in your home will be treated with steam: baseboards, headboards, bed frames, spot areas on mattresses, furniture near beds, areas where you sit and watch TV or access the internet, and the floors in these areas. You will need to wash/heat-dry or dry-clean other articles. And some may be left as is.

Clothing, blankets, comforters, pillows and pillow cases, etc., should be washed & warm dried or dry cleaned by client, before or soon after the treatment to avoid resurgence of Bed Bugs.

Closets, Drawers, Couches, Chairs, Bed Frame, Mattress-Box, Mattress, Baseboards, Cracks, Electrical Outlet Covers, and Surrounding Area will be some of the places where the treatment may be applied.

What is the Nature of the Treatment?

The high temperature steam should not damage or stain common household surfaces. However, it should not be used on silk fabric drapes or dry clean only furniture. It has no residual quality and affects pests upon **contact** and not by smell, odor, or vapor. So it is important that baseboards, furniture near beds, and furniture near areas you sit for extended periods are cleaned and uncluttered well in advance of the treatment.

Before the treatment begins, the residents are to be prepared to leave the area during the treatment process. While steam is not toxic – it is **hot** and for safety and liability we need to have pets and people out of the treatment areas. If you opt for the chemical application – read that prep sheet as well. If so, you will need to vacate for a few hours per that prep sheet.

We stock the very best brand of mattress encasements. Ones known to seal mattresses properly off and keep bed bugs out. We stock the most common sizes. We can provide them for you at a discount. Please call us for prices and availability to ensure that we have what you need **prior** to our arrival. NOTE: **Techs do not carry extra** supplies, if we do not have your encasement because you did not call us about it, we will have to ship it to you or return with it which **will cost you more money**.

It may take more than one steam only treatment to eradicate all bed bugs. Hence, it is requested that you, our client: **Sanitize** Clothing and Bedding Every Two Weeks to Suppress Possible Resurgence of the Pest. You should also purchase and install monitors and we strongly recommend a follow up inspection service.

How to prepare for or what to do before the Bedbug Extermination Service?

In a nutshell, clean thoroughly and reduce clutter by organizing and arranging articles. Focus on the bed rooms and living room couch areas - where you sleep or sit for extended periods.

For faster and better results from the treatment:

- Steam-Clean, Wet-Vacuum, Vacuum or Shampoo any carpeting. Mop any flooring. Especially, clean away any insecticides or chemicals that you may have tried to get rid of bedbugs prior to our application. While we apply steam – it is not our intent to clean and you cannot shampoo or steam clean afterward for 60 days.
- Vacuum the mattress at the crevices, handles, & buttons to remove bed bugs and eggs.
- Similarly clean the box spring, bed frame, baseboards, any other nearby objects, and flooring near / under the bed.
- Discard the vacuum cleaner bag. Or clean the no bag receptacle with diluted bleach water.
- Move all small items, clutter, etc... at least 6 to 8 inches away from the base of all walls.

What to expect and what to do after the Bedbug Extermination Service?

Please, expect that the bed and it's components as well as the couches and the sofas may be left in the treated location and orientation to facilitate drying. As well, have suitable and necessary help available to setup the bed and couches, etc, they way they were before the treatment.

If possible, arrange for both heat and ventilation in the rooms to be treated, e.g. keep the heat on and open windows a bit or set up a fan. This will dry up the spray faster and the home will become usable sooner. Have a pair of clean bed-sheets ready for use.

The treatment will instantly kill off all the Bedbugs contacted by the steam. Due to their ability to crawl off and hide virtually anywhere – there is still a possibility of an isolated bed bug or here or there in your home. And as they do not feed on daily basis, it may take a few weeks for all of them to emerge. During this period it is extremely important to use the monitors we carry and supply at our cost, and to have your mattresses and box springs encasements installed properly.

How to Handle Sanitization of Clothing and Bedding?

Typically Bedbugs do not nest in pillow cases, comforters, blankets and sheets, etc. That does not mean that they cannot be found walking on these things.

The articles that are to be sanitized and cleaned by the client may be too many and too much to be handled at once. This task can be broken up into smaller segments and prioritized by putting articles, **not needed in the near future**, in large bags and **sealed**. Objects for immediate use can be sanitized on priority.

As needed the articles can be cleaned or washed and used on as needed basis. Please, treat fabrics according to manufacturer's directions in your sanitizing efforts.

Articles of immediate use may be washed in hot water and heat-dried or dry-cleaned as directed by the manufacturer, to get rid of bed bugs and their eggs.

NOTES:

We strongly encourage the installation of BBS Alert monitors and Climb-ups to track future activity and monthly follow up inspections for at least the first three months to make sure the infestation is under control. These items are provided for you at our cost.

If you live in close proximity to others, in dorm rooms, apartments, etc..., we strongly urge that an inspection and monitoring program be instituted to other nearby units, to protect against the spread of these pests and re-infestations of your living areas.