

Treatment Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO THE TREATMENT DAY**

NORMAL PREP MAY TAKE 1 TO 4 HOURS—DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF YOUR HOME AND OTHER FACTORS

### **Long before we are supposed to be there:**

1. Move as many small things up off the floor as possible. Even in closets (shoes, etc...) - even under beds. From all floor surfaces. Carpet, vinyl, hardwoods, etc....
2. Place moved items on top of shelves, tables, and in the bathtub. Do not place items on top of beds unless you cover your bed with a sheet you can wash after the treatment. Do not place items on top of upholstered furniture.
3. Small throw rugs should be laundered.
4. Vacuum all floor surfaces and upholstered furniture prior to treatment. Vacuums with a rotating 'beater bar' are recommended. The vibrations from vacuuming helps hatch out pre-emergent adult fleas making our treatment much more effective. If pets have a sleeping or living enclosure (dog house, etc.) vacuum this area as well. Remove vacuum bag after vacuuming and dispose of bag in exterior garbage receptacle.
5. Launder pet bedding. If bedding cannot be laundered - dispose of it. Pet needs to be flea dipped or shampooed prior to re-entering after our treatment.
6. If yard is to be treated as well, do not allow pets into yard until treated surfaces are dry. Most yards do not need treatment.
7. Foods and dishes should be placed inside cupboards or in the refrigerator. Food in pantries will be fine but clear the bottom most shelf if the floor is to be sprayed.
8. Close windows. Turn off ventilation and air conditioning systems. Cover aquariums, if present, and turn off any aeration systems.
9. People and pets must vacate during the treatment and for at least three hours after the treatment. (4 hours total.)
10. Be prepared to leave your apartment or home at least 15 minutes before the appointed time for the treatment. There may be an additional charge if we have to finish the prep work or wait for it to be finished or the warranty may be void.

### **After our treatment:**

1. Do not re-enter before the three hours are over. Do not contact treated surfaces until they are dry. Open up doors and windows and aerate for 30 minutes. There will be some residual odor.
2. Wipe down all exposed food preparation surfaces with soapy water. Do not mop uncarpeted areas for at least two weeks after treatment. Do not shampoo carpets for at least six months.
3. Turn aquarium aerator back on.
4. Temperature inside the home must be maintained at 70 degrees or above for at least ten days after the treatment. Vacuum daily for seven to ten days.
5. Breaking the flea life cycle may take four to six weeks. If preparations where performed properly and ongoing maintenance of the pets is performed regularly, you should be flea free for up to six months.

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**Note:** Do not use any other flea control products without consulting with Safeguard first.

Fleas have a (minimum) 28 day life cycle. You will continue seeing fleas as they hatch out of their pupal cases for at least 28 days. Continued vacuuming and disposal of vacuum bag contents will help. Do not apply additional control materials.

Shampooing the carpet any time after our treatment during the warranty period will void the warranty.

***Failure to prepare properly and completely prior to our arrival may void your warranty and / or result in additional charges. Rescheduling or canceling a treatment within 24 hours of the scheduled treatment time may result in additional charges.***

**At Safeguard we stress the use of highly effective ultra low toxicity control materials. All materials will be applied according to their EPA registered labels. Many cleansers and other common household chemicals are far more toxic than our application materials. However, to be as safe as possible, parents with infant children under the age of six months, and anyone with a sensitive medical condition should contact their physician prior to our treatment regarding the proposed treatment and any special precautions that should be followed. Additionally, anyone matching the descriptions listed above should consider vacating premises for 24 to 48 hours. Pregnant women within their first two trimesters should postpone treatment until the third trimester.**