BED BUG TREATMENT PREPARATION

1. Clear floor and furniture of any items.
2. Empty dressers, nightstands and shelves of any occupied spaces that require spraying.
3. Vacuum floors and furniture before and after service (do bedrooms and mattresses last). Throw away vacuum bag and if bagless make sure to clean and disinfect according to manufacturer's recommendation.
4. Totes for small items i.e. frames, books, knick knacks (bedlam aerosol if needed).
5. Place mattresses and box springs (free of bedding) in upright position in open area so it is available for spraying on all sides.
6. Remove furniture cushions and place furniture upside down (if possible).
7. Remove electrical outlet and light switch covers in heavy infestations only, and 1st treatment only.
8. "Heavy infestations" – remove all wall hangings and wipe down behind them.
9. "Light Infestations" – remove wall hangings in bedrooms and near any furniture.
10. Wash all bedding, clothes and fabric items.
11. Dry all fabric items at least 30 minutes – the thicker the material the longer it will need to be dried.
12. When you are done drying fabric items, put them in sealed bags (no drawstrings bags) and leave them sealed while undergoing treatments. Only open what you need for everyday use and reseal bags.
13. Hide-a-beds must be pulled out and accessible for service.
14. All people and pets must vacate the premises for 4 hours. (if oxygen is in use vacate for at least 8 hours).
15. It is very beneficial to throw away all furniture with rips and tears.
16. We strongly recommend purchasing mattress covers for the mattress and box spring. They go on as soon as possible after the initial treatment (Do not remove until worn out).
17. Infestation, preparation and clutter will determine how many treatments are needed (2-5 treatments are normal).

MENARD'S LIST: Large thick walled garbage bags, zip ties, 20 gallon or larger totes, bed bug box spring and mattress covers.

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