

GLADIATOR PEST CONTROL

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Bed-bug Preparation Sheet



Proper preparation is essential to gain control of bedbug activity. The following instructions list steps required to take before having a Bedbug treatment by Gladiator Pest Control.

1. **Prepare the Bedroom Area** – Strip the bed(s) and launder all sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, and blankets. Remove all items from underneath the bed. Clear out belongings in Closet, Dresser Drawers, and Nightstands. Remove the drapes from windows. Place all fabric items in large heavy-duty plastic trash bags and seal each bag. Leave all sealed bags inside the bedroom and leave in the room during course of the treatment.
2. **Inspect/Discard Unnecessary Belongings** – Discard cardboard boxes, paper and plastic bags, newspapers, magazines, and similar items that are in any potentially infested room(s) that show any sign of infestation.
 - Unsalvageable upholstery will be determined upon the bed-bug inspection. If unsalvageable, items must be discarded properly.
3. **Vacuum** – Vacuum all rooms where bedbug activity was found. Including the floors, mattresses, bedsprings, couches, chairs, closets, and dresser drawers. Vacuum bags are to be placed in a sealed plastic bag and discarded outside immediately after vacuuming.
4. **Clear the space along Baseboards of any area/room where activity has been found** – The space must be accessible for the technician to service. No belongings should be in the way of walkways or along walls in rooms where bed-bug activity has been seen.
5. **Remove trash and/or debris from inside and outside of home**
6. **Sensitive belongings should be kept in a protected area and/or covered** – items you may wish to protect such as your children's toys, baby bottles, pet food, dishware, utensils, etc. can be placed above ground level and covered with a sheet or blanket.
7. **Sensitive to Treatment** – If you are pregnant/expecting, have any Immune or Respiratory Health Condition please notify Gladiator Pest Control so that treatment can be modified.
 - You may wipe down the kitchen surfaces with soap and water after the evacuation period has been followed.
8. **Evacuation Requirement** – There is a **4 Hour Evacuation Period** for people and pets to avoid any exposure to the treatment. If there are any pet fish, then the air pump should be shut off and the fish tank should be covered by a sheet or other covering.
9. **Refrain from Self-Treating** – Do not use any other chemicals or store-bought pest control products throughout the course of our service as they will interfere with our treatment plan.
10. **Post-Treatment** – Wash all fabric items that were placed in heavy-duty plastic trash bags on High Heat and dry all items on High Heat as well.
 - We recommend covering the mattress with a bedbug mattress cover as a preventative measure (optional)
11. **Retreatments** – If you spot bedbug activity **after 2 weeks** from when the service was provided, contact Gladiator Pest Control to schedule a re-treatment that may or may not require full preparation.