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## Preparation Protocol Bed Bug Treatment

### Important Notes:

- Vacuum all rooms of concern thoroughly
  - empty vacuum bag in exterior trash container
    - a helpful tip is to place a table spoon of corn starch on the floor and vacuum, this will cause a dust storm in the bag which will clog the breathing pores of the insect and prevent escape and spreading.
- Try not to transfer bed bugs from one room to another. Remove bed linens and put them directly into washer or trash bag if using laundry mat.
  - When items are removed from the room place them in plastic bags with ties before you remove from the room and returning laundry etc. Inspect items carefully and dispose of insects if found
- Depending on the size of the house and infestation the treatment could take from 1 hour to 3 hours depending. It is best to have someone present as we are doing service to communicate with. When we are finished with the initial treatment we ask for family members not return for 2 hours.

### Infected bed rooms

- Remove bed linen, blankets, pillow cases etc. and wash in hot water same day as service is scheduled.
- Remove items from night stands, dressers, headboard etc., inspect items and place in plastic bag with tie.
- Floor should be free of debris, toys etc. and carpet vacuumed including closets.

### Rooms not infected

- Bed rooms, kitchen and other rooms that have not been a problem, leave as is and we will inspect and decide if treatment is needed.

### Living areas infested

- Some times bed bugs get carried into living room couches etc.. If so, same protocol as above and if possible vacuum sofa and chairs etc.

We will remove pictures etc. from walls when deemed necessary and leave in safe place for you to place back at you convenience.

We may ask for assistance moving something while we are doing the service depending on the infestation