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Bed Bugs

Post-Treatment Instructions

Your residence has had an initial treatment for bed bugs. The follow-up service will occur approximately 7 – 10 days after the initial treatment. To reduce the amount of work to be completed by the resident in preparation of the follow-up service, we advise you not to completely reassemble your home until this service has been performed. These accompanying measures should be taken during the period between the initial and follow-up services:

- **Laundry Directions:** It is necessary that all garments be laundered in hot water or placed into a dryer on the highest setting for a minimum of 30 minutes. Please follow the laundering directions on the clothing label to avoid damage to the fabrics. The dryer must be capable of reaching temperatures greater than 104 degrees Fahrenheit to kill all stages of bed bugs. Do not load the dryer more than 50% capacity. All laundered items must remain out of the treatment area during service.
- Do not tamper with any of the devices left in place such as the box spring protective encasements. These will protect the box springs from becoming re-infested and will prevent any bed bugs already in these objects from re-infesting the home. Mattress encasements are available for purchase through your Ace service technician.
- Where possible, clothing should remain sealed in plastic bags to prevent possible re-infestation. If the clothing is placed back into dressers and closets, these items will need to be removed, bagged and re-laundered prior to the follow-up service.
- Please leave all other objects in their original state of preparation until the follow-up service has been completed.
- Do not introduce any new or used furniture or any other potentially infested items not previously in the residence.
- Avoid moving in any new occupants in the apartment or house that were not previously occupying the unit.
- Do not use any store bought or over the counter remedies during our treatment process. Doing so could render our treatment ineffective.

Future Prevention Against Bed Bugs

- When traveling both outside and within the country, be sure to inspect hotel rooms to ensure they are free of bed bugs. Inspect the bed, box spring and mattress, paying close attention to the mattress piping, plastic protective caps for the box springs and the headboard. When returning home, bag and launder all clothing and be sure to inspect suitcases for bed bugs – this stage is preferably done outside.
- Do not buy used furniture, electronics or beds unless you can verify their origin and are confident they are free of potential bed bug presence.
- Periodically perform an inspection of your residence, focusing on the sleeping quarters and inspecting the bed and furniture in close proximity to the bed. NEVER open box spring or mattress encasement covers. Bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices and prefer wood and fabric surfaces so they will be found in these areas most often.
- Bed bugs are highly mobile but typically remain close to the host. They are generally only active at night to avoid detection, however they can be found when inspecting areas where they like to hide.