



Heat Treatment: What Do I Need To Do To Prepare?

In order for Serfco to effectively treat your home for bedbugs we need you to make a few preparations before we arrive. These preparations are essential to the success of the treatment. If any additional preparations are required, we will inform you of them before the treatment.

Please attempt to leave your house with minimal items, at best the clothes on your back. The more items left in the treatment the greater chance for success. Items removed from the home could re-infest the structure when they are brought back in. If you have any questions concerning items to be removed or other preparations please call our office.

Preparations

- Remove smoke detectors and store outside of the treatment area
- If possible, sprinkler systems in treatment areas should be de-activated
- All items within five feet of the bed should be left in place as they have the highest risk of infestation
- Any clothes that are hanging should remain hanging and any clothes that can be hung should be hung up
- Clutter must be dealt with, clutter provides a place for bugs to hide that may be difficult to treat with heat. If your closets are packed full, please organize them so that we can successfully treat these items
- Plastic window blinds should be retracted, removed from the window, and placed on the floor
- The property must be vacant during the treatment and all areas must be accessible
- Turn off or unplug all electronics

Items to Remove

- All pets and plants
- Pictures not in a frame and oil paintings
- All aerosol cans
- Batteries
- Cosmetics
- All medications and contraceptives
- Foods and beverages that should not be exposed to high temperatures
- Any item that you think may be damaged please ask beforehand
- Ammunition and firearms
- Candles, crayons, and other wax items
- Corked bottles such as wine
- Gas bottles such as propane or oxygen
- String instruments - leave the case
- Vinyl records, VCR tapes, and CD/DVD's

Our goal is to eliminate all the bed bugs. Anything you take from the house could have bedbugs or eggs on it. The following are examples of things to consider and suggestions of how to deal with them:

Purses, backpacks, and bags: Either carry the contents for the day, use a makeshift bag like a plastic shopping bag, or run the purse or backpack through the dryer on high heat before use.

Clothing: Have a change of clothes ready for your return and change upon returning home, preferably in the garage. Heat worn clothes including coats and jackets, placing them immediately in the dryer on high heat.



Heat Treatment: What to Expect When You Return Home

- Our crews will have attempted to cool the treated area after treatment, but your home will still be exceptionally warm. Depending on the season it will take several hours, even up to 24 hours, for your home to completely cool. It is not recommended to run your air conditioner immediately after treatment as you could freeze the unit over.
- Our technicians will replace your furniture as close to its original locations as possible. You will find that many small items will have been moved and are out of place.
- Due to the use of high-power fans clutter may have been blown around the space.
- If piles of clothes or belongings are present, you will find that the piles have been shuffled to allow the heat to properly penetrate all items.

YOU MUST REINSTALL SMOKE DETECTORS