

# Tenant Bed Bug Preparation - 10 Steps

**CONTACT YOUR LANDLORD IMMEDIATELY.** Arrange for a thorough inspection of infested and nearby areas by an inspector or a professionally licensed pest control expert before treating home. A professionally licensed pest control expert should be hired by your landlord. Work with your landlord to schedule a day when your residence will be treated then complete steps below **BEFORE** the pest control professional arrives.

## TO PREPARE FOR TREATMENT YOU WILL NEED:

- **For Bagging:** Strong Trash Bags with ties - **NOT KITCHEN BAGS.**  
Black heavy duty, large outdoor bags, duct tape.
- Washer /Dryer machines (HIGH HEAT)
- Vacuum Cleaner with disposable bag.
- BED BUG PROOF mattresses, box springs and pillow covers.
- Climb Ups (See #9 below)

**COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING STEPS BEFORE THE DAY OF YOUR TREATMENT. (COMPLETING THESE STEPS IS CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR TREATMENT.)**

**1: COLLECT ALL FABRIC ITEMS IN BAGS.** Collect and remove **all** washable fabric items (pillows, sheets, blankets, clothing, rugs, curtains, towels, etc.) from all rooms, including closets (bedrooms, living room, bathrooms, and kitchen). Place into trash bags and seal by twisting the bag top several times and wrapping it in duct tape.

**2: REMOVE THE BAGS FROM THE AREA OF TREATMENT.** All baseboards need to be accessible. Bathtubs are a good place to store things.

**3: WASH ALL ITEMS IN HOT WATER, DRY ON HOT SETTING, THEN SEAL IN NEW BAGS.** Remove fabric items (#1) from sealed bags. Place empty trash bag into a new trash bag, seal (as noted above) and throw away immediately in a waste container **outside** of the building. Wash everything in hot water in a washing machine, and dry all items on highest heat setting in a drying machine. Place clean items in new, unused bags and seal tightly. Do not open clean bags of clean laundry until after extermination.

**4: VACUUM ALL SURFACES.** Using a strong suction vacuum with crack and crevice tool, vacuum **all** furniture, mattresses, floors, walls, crevices, heating units, baseboards, picture frames, etc.

**5: DISPOSE OF VACUUM BAG IMMEDIATELY.** Immediately place vacuum bag in a trash bag, seal (as noted above) and throw away in a waste container **outside** of building. If using a bagless vacuum, take it **outside** of building and empty into a garbage bag, then **seal as indicated above** and dispose of.

**6: INFESTED ITEMS.** If throwing away infested items, **completely encase** them **before** moving, or bed bugs will spread.

**7: SEAL MATTRESSES & PILLOWS.** Completely seal mattresses, box springs and pillows in BED BUG PROOF covering that has been purchased or provided. Leave sealed for 1 year. **This is required** and should be done before or on first treatment.

**8: EXTERMINATION.** A professionally licensed pest control expert will treat your home and furniture.

**9: PROTECT LEGS OF BEDS.** Climb Ups need to be installed on beds. This prevents the insect from climbing up. This is optional for other furniture.

**10: RETURN CLEAN ITEMS TO HOME WHEN ALL 3 TREATMENTS ARE CONCLUDED.**

**Complete all steps above in one day. Follow up inspections are necessary. Repeating these steps may be required.**

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