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Bedbug Preparation Sheet for Home Owners

Necessary Preparations before Bedbug Treatments

Bedbugs are not easy to eradicate. We need to work together as a team in order to completely remove this problem from your home. The more thorough your preparation, the more thorough the treatment can be and the quicker we will eliminate the problem. Please keep in mind that in most cases, a single application should be enough to remove the bedbugs however there are situations that may require several treatments before control is achieved.

Please follow these steps thoroughly in preparation of us coming to your home:

- ✓ Vacuum all flooring, baseboards, and furniture thoroughly to remove all bedbug eggs.
- ✓ Throw away vacuum cleaner bags immediately in an outdoor receptacle.
- ✓ Remove all bedding from all beds throughout house before treatment and have laundered at a professional Laundromat. Be sure wash in extremely hot water to kill bedbugs and their eggs.
- ✓ Remove pictures from walls and place them on the floor. All shelves and bookcases should be cleared. This is important as bedbugs will lay eggs in books and knick knacks, as well as inside and behind picture frames.
- ✓ Bed must be taken apart and stood up so mattress and box spring can be treated and inspected which may require removal of dust cover under box spring. In cases of severe infestation, mattresses should be thrown away. There is no way to save them in the heaviest infestations. A bedbug-proof mattress cover should be installed on new mattresses and box springs before bringing them into your home.
- ✓ Any food must be put away in the fridge. Tooth brushes, toothpaste, cosmetics, and anything that you may eat, drink, or put near your mouth and eyes must be sealed in plastic bags and stored.
- ✓ Clear any objects away from baseboards. Furniture must be moved to the center of the room 2-3 feet from the walls. Carpeting must be lifted around the edges of the room. Clear any objects off of the floor to allow for more thorough coverage.
- ✓ Clear off and clean out any dresser surfaces, end tables, tabletops, cabinets, etc. Drawers should be opened or taken out to allow for more thorough coverage.
- ✓ Smoke alarms/detectors and fire alarms must be disabled. This usually can be done by removing the battery.
- ✓ Remove any pets, fish, birds, cats, dogs, etc. from the house for at least 4 – 6 hours.

As part of any good pest management program, these steps are necessary to assure the greatest possible control. Failure to comply will cause a treatment to be unsuccessful and will result in repeated attempts to gain control and elimination. In the case that these steps have not been followed, **we will not treat** and you may be charged a service fee.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this manner. Be sure to sign and return this form to us before your service.

Signature: _____

Date: _____