

# BED BUG

## HEAT PREPARATION SHEET



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Your home may be your most important investment. There are several things you can do to help ensure the success of heating the home and the safety and protection of your personal belongings.

### Items that must be removed:

- All pets – including fish in aquariums, reptiles, and birds in cages.
- All house plants.

### Items to be stored in refrigerators:

- Fresh food – fruits, vegetables and chocolate.
- Wine bottles with corks
- Meds, vitamins and cosmetics
- Wax based items.
- Anything pressurized – spray cans, fire extinguishers, oxygen bottles.
- Flammables – lighters, lamp fuel, alcohol, solvents, ammunition, fireworks, caps and gunpowder

### Special considerations to be discussed:

- All corrugated boxes must be eliminated.
- Wooden and stringed musical instruments
- Family heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected and a determination made regarding whether they should be treated.
- Asbestos and vinyl floor tiles and toilet wax rings may crack, lift or be heat damaged.
- All floors must be mop cleaned or vacuumed before treatment.

### Clothing:

- Clothes that are hung up off the floor typically are not a concern as heat will rise through these items.
- Clothing in drawers can be left in place, in thin layers, two-thirds full.
- All closet floors, closet shelves, and under the beds must be cleared.
- We will remove the drawers from dressers to help with the air movement as needed.
- No loose clothing or clutter near beds or furniture.

### Larger fabric items:

- All area rugs should be made accessible by removing standing items on top of them for the treatment. Bed bugs under area rugs may survive, this area can be a harborage.

### Papers and loose smaller items:

- Loose papers need to be gathered and bagged or discarded.
- Glass items, knick-knacks, etc. will need to be secured. Do not leave breakable items on shelves or other areas where damage could happen.
- Remove all plastic blinds from windows.
- Take down all pictures and wall hangings.

### Electronics:

- Unplug televisions, computers, video players and stereos.
- Unplug all electronic appliances except refrigerator(s) and freezer(s)

### Waterbeds and Airbeds:

- Waterbeds will need to be drained. If the waterbed is not drained, it will prevent the frame from reaching lethal temperatures.
- Airbeds must be deflated. Some may need to be unplugged including sleep number type inflatable mattresses.

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HEAT  
PREPARATION  
VIDEO**

