

# PREPARING FOR BED BUG TREATMENT

## CHECKLIST

- All bedding has been removed from every bed.**
- Everything that has been on/touched the bed has been removed and contained** (including stuffed animals, canopies, etc.)
- All bedding, slipcovers, pet bedding, and similar items have been dry cleaned** (or washed in detergent and the hottest water the fabric can stand) **and stowed away from the infested area.**
- All other fabrics, linens and cloths (e.g. clothing, towels) have been washed and stored away from the infested area.**
- Everything that was washed has been stored in fully sealed bins or garbage bags**
- All carpeting, upholstered furniture, and wooden flooring that contains gaps between the tiles or slats has been methodically vacuumed** (and washed or shampooed, if possible, with products that *do not* contain stain repellents).
- The freshly cleaned carpeting has dried** ( must be dry before treatment is performed).
- Everything that can be has been removed from the floor and stacked on tables** (to provide maximum access to the floor for treatment).
- Pets have received professional flea treatments or have been treated with a high-quality flea shampoo** This should be done just before the house is to be treated (or while it is being treated). Pets must be kept out of the house until the products used inside the house have dried thoroughly.
- All closets and storage spaces have been completely emptied.**
- All rugs, floors, carpets, mattresses, couch cushions, box springs, counters, corners, etc. have been vacuumed** (anything that can be vacuumed or steam-vacuumed should be) .
- All electronics, tools and appliances have been vacuumed** (this can be done using small vacuum attachments).
- A path has been cleared around the walls and furniture has been arranged in clusters** (this facilitates the pest control expert's maneuvering around the house to treat the objects and rooms).