

## **Owl Pest Prevention bedbug pre-treatment preparation**

*For best results, follow the preparation instructions below, more time spent on proper preparation will be rewarded with faster results.*

- Remove all sheets, covers; dust ruffles, comforters, pillows, or any other bedding covers from your mattress and box spring in all bedrooms. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes
- All clothes, on floors and hanging over chairs should be picked up and washed as above, place in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed. Do not re-arrange furniture other than moving items three feet away from the walls. On each treatment we will need access to all of the electrical outlets. All articles must be removed from each closet; these items may be returned after the first treatment has been completed. If necessary any article of clothing should be washed or cleaned. It is not necessary to remove clean clothing items from draws unless these items are clearly heavily infested (visible bed bugs).
- De-clutter, this will assist in removing potential bed bug harborages. Check items for signs of infestation. Cardboard is a favored harborage for bed bugs, dispose of any unwanted packaging
- Keep beds pulled out from the wall until bed bugs have been eradicated. All other furniture items can be returned to their original position after treatment.
- Cabin beds/beds with built-in storage. Remove all clothing items from these storage areas and launder and dry at high heat. Items can be replaced after treatment.
- Vacuum baseboards to remove dust build-up from these areas. Remove the vacuum cleaner bag or contents of the canister, place in a plastic bag, and dispose of in the trash can outside your apartment/home.
- Cover fish tanks with plastic wrap (saran wrap, etc.) and turn off pump until reoccupying home.
- In order to give the treatment time to work, do not clean or remove the spray barriers that have been applied. In most cases barriers will have been applied in areas that are not normally accessed, but if infestation was suspected behind baseboards or electrical outlets for example, a 2" spray barrier will have been applied on the wall above or around these installations respectively. Under certain lighting conditions, these barriers may be visible. Leave these in place until you are certain that the infestation has been eradicated. The barrier will remain active for up to 3 months if left undisturbed, but can be easily removed with detergent and water, or disposable disinfectant wipes when required.
- Please allow 3 to 4 weeks after the treatment for it to be completely effective. Bed bugs may not leave their harborages for a number of days after treatment, and nymphs hatching from eggs will not be affected until they cross a spray barrier. However, all bed bugs will die within 3-7 days after crossing a treated surface.

**Should you have any questions please feel free to call your Management Office or Owl Pest Prevention.**