

# Muskoka Pest Control

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## Bed Bug Preparation Checklist

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The preparation process takes a lot of time and energy. Make sure you have enough time to complete the entire preparation before your home is treated. We will not treat homes or apartments that are not properly prepared for treatment. Additional charges may apply if our technicians must do ANY preparation that should have been done by the customer. This will be in addition to your Bed bug service cost.

### **Clutter:**

To improve the results of the treatment the tenant is required to remove all clutter from the unit.

### **Tenant Preparation. The tenant should:**

- ✓ Steam Clean, wet vacuum or shampoo any carpeting.
- ✓ Vacuum the mattress at the crevices, handles & buttons.
- ✓ Also, vacuum bed frame, baseboards and objects/flooring close to bed.
- ✓ Discard the vacuum bag. (placed in tightly sealed garbage bag before disposal)
- ✓ Mattress & Box Spring covers that are impermeable to bedbugs can be available upon request
- ✓ Tenants should bag up all clothing that is in contact with the floor, or in nearby dressers. This clothing should be washed in hot water or dry cleaned. Clean clothing should remain out of the room until after treatment is complete.
- ✓ Bookshelves, nightstands or other furniture in the immediate area must be emptied so that the technician can spray the undersides of the furniture. Place all items in tightly sealed garbage bags and leave them in the room to be treated.
- ✓ All furniture should be a minimum of 15 inches from the wall to facilitate baseboard treatments
- ✓ Remove all plate covers from plugs and switches

### **Laundry:**

- ✓ All clothing items that are to be either placed in the drier or laundered in the wash are to be placed in garbage bags, sealed and emptied directly into the machines. When the laundering cycles are complete, the clean laundry should be placed in new garbage bags, sealed and kept that way until the treatments are completed.
- ✓ The garbage bags used for transporting clothing articles to the laundry room should be discarded as they may contain bed bugs.

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- ✓ If water soluble bags are available, they should be used to collect sheets and clothing and put directly into the wash. This is strongly recommended for severe infestations.
- ✓ **IMPORTANT:** make sure you launder items in **HOT** water. Cold water will not kill the bugs or their eggs.
- ✓ All clean clothing should be placed in the drier on high heat for a minimum of 20 minutes at 60° C.
- ✓ All soiled clothing etc., needs to be washed in hot water and then dried in high heat.
- ✓ **Please Note:** Some driers have lower heat settings and may not heat up to 60° C.

## **Beds:**

- ✓ Bed should be bare when the technician arrives. All bedding, slip covers, pillow cases, etc. must be removed prior to the tech arriving. Clothing, blankets, comforters, pillows and pillow cases, etc. should be washed in hot water (separate from all other laundry) or dry cleaned by client, before or soon after the treatment to avoid resurgence of Bed Bugs. Have a pair of clean bed sheets ready for use.
- ✓ The sheets, blankets, box spring skirts etc. should be laundered as per above.
- ✓ Pillows should also be placed in the drier on high heat for 20 minutes.

## **Dressers & Night Tables:**

- ✓ All clothing contents of all dressers are to be placed in garbage bags and placed in the drier cycle on hot for a minimum of 20 minutes
- ✓ All articles on top of dresser are to be removed
- ✓ Dressers are to be completely empty for treatment
- ✓ Bookshelves, nightstands or other furniture in the immediate area must be emptied so that the technician can spray the undersides of the furniture. Place all items in tightly sealed garbage bags and leave them in the room to be treated.
- ✓ Furniture and items should be moved at least 15 cm away from the walls to facilitate spraying of the baseboards.

***If shelving, drawers are dirty please clean first. If they are not very dirty please do not clean.***

## **Closets:**

- ✓ All closets are to be emptied of all articles on the floor, shelving and hanging clothes.
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## **Sofas & Chairs:**

- ✓ All chair covers, throws and pillows must be laundered prior to treatment

## **Baby Cribs:**

- ✓ All linen is to be laundered
- ✓ All toys should be washed in soapy hot water
- ✓ All plush, stuffed toys should be placed in drier on high heat for 20 min at 60° C.
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## **Discarding of Old Mattresses and Furniture:**

*All items should be taken directly to the dumpster.*

- ✓ If you feel that your mattress or box spring is infested and you plan on throwing them out, please use a box cutter or knife and make them unusable so that someone else doesn't bring it back into the building and infests their apartment.
- ✓ The same should be done with old furniture.
- ✓ When discarding the above old furnishings, they should be first wrapped in plastic and sealed with duct tape to avoid the bugs falling off in the hallways etc.
- ✓ Please ask the building management for the necessary supplies.

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## What Do Bed Bugs Look Like?



A: Adult Bed bugs look something like an apple seed, and are small (approximately ¼ inch long), oval in shape, and are reddish-brown in color. Juvenile Bed bugs, known as nymphs, differ from adults in that they are often much smaller (1 millimeter) and may appear clear or tan in color.

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