

DND Services of IL Inc.

Bed Bug Treatment Preparation Checklist:

Client Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparation Completed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Responsibility: All listed work must be performed prior to treatment. In the Event Customer fails to complete all items prior to treatment, DND will not provide treatment and Customer agrees to pay a service charge for a return visit to provide treatment of the structure when preparation is complete.

CHECKLIST:

1. \_\_\_\_ Remove all electrical wall plates, phone jack plates and light switch covers.
2. \_\_\_\_ Remove paintings and mirrors from walls.
3. \_\_\_\_ Remove television sets from wall units, if applicable.
4. \_\_\_\_ All electronic equipment should remain in the areas for treatment.
5. \_\_\_\_ Remove the front panel from heating/air conditioning units.
6. \_\_\_\_ Take all clothing and all other belongings out of all drawers, nightstands, tables, closets, (your closets must be empty) wardrobes and similar storage areas and launder per directions located at the end of this page. Ensure all garments are transported from the infested area in the sealed bags or containers when transporting to the laundry facility to prevent spreading of the insects to non-infested areas. Discard plastic bags used to transport items immediately in an exterior garbage bin.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Any loose clothing (garments from outside of a dresser, under the bed or closet) must be bagged and laundered as per Laundry Directions. Discard plastic bags used for transportation of these items into an exterior garbage bin.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Remove all bedding and pillows. Place in bags and take to the laundry room where they can be placed directly into the washing machine using hot water and/or placed into a dryer as indicated in the step above. Refer to Laundry Directions.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Dismantling of bed frames will \_\_\_\_\_, will not \_\_\_\_\_ be performed as part of the service program.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Should the box spring remain, removal of the cheesecloth underside is required for proper inspection and/or applications.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Zippered mattress/box spring encasements must be used. Mattresses can be used (back on bed frame) but must remain in these encasements for at least 13 months. Linens are to go over the encasements.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Plastic toys, books and anything that cannot be washed should be bagged separately for inspection.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ The room should be empty of all cloth and plush items, except plush furniture. If possible the pillows of plush furniture should be removed and laundered.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Discard cardboard boxes, shoeboxes, paper and plastic bags, old newspapers, stacks of magazine, and similar items in all potentially infested rooms.

- 15.\_\_\_\_\_Discarding of any compromised (ripped/torn) materials or heavily infested items may be required.
  
- 16.\_\_\_\_\_Remove drapery in rooms, bag and immediately launder professionally.
  
- 17.\_\_\_\_\_Vacuum all upholstered furniture (including under furniture and cushions), dresser and nightstand drawers, floors (including inside closets), carpeting, and rugs. Also vacuum all mattresses and box springs. The vacuum bag must be immediately removed and sealed in a plastic garbage bag and placed in an outside garbage receptacle.
  
- 18.\_\_\_\_\_Articles under the beds provide an ideal place for bedbugs to hide. All clothing or garments must be bagged and laundered. Larger items that were previously stored under the bed should not be moved as bedbugs may be relocated into the other areas of the structure.
  
- 19.\_\_\_\_\_A clutter-free environment must be provided in order to allow access for the service technician to treat all of the needed areas. Move furniture at least 18 inches away from walls.
  
- 20.\_\_\_\_\_All people and pets are required to be out during treatment and 4 hours after treatment. Anyone pregnant, infant children and small pets (birds, hamsters, etc.) need to be out 8 hours. Newborns to be out 24 hours, and homeowner should ventilate before returning.
  
- 21.\_\_\_\_\_Fish aquariums may be left on site, however, they should be covered and air filters must be disconnected. Persons with underlying health conditions should consult their family physician where they have concerns regarding re-entry time.

LAUNDRY DIRECTIONS: It is necessary that all garments be laundered in hot water (greater than 140°F) or placed into a dryer on the highest setting for a minimum of 30 minutes (greater than 104°F). The dryer must be capable of reaching a temperature to kill all stages and not be loaded to more than 50% capacity. All laundered items must remain out of the treatment area during service. Clothing and fabrics associated with beds/sofas cannot be treated with pesticides due to the prolonged contact with skin. It is for this reason that this step is crucial and necessary to ensure the treatment program does not fail with the re-introduction of bedbugs from infested clothing.

#### POST-TREATMENT ACTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY THE HOMEOWNER

The follow-up service will occur approximately 2 weeks and 4 weeks after the initial treatment. To reduce the amount of work to be completed by the homeowner in preparation of this follow-up service, we advise you not to completely reassemble your home until these services have been performed. **These accompanying measures should be taken during the period between the initial and follow-up services:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Daily vacuum all rooms, including the floor, closets and closet shelves and shoes. Vacuum bags are to be placed in a sealed plastic bag and discarded.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Do not tamper with any of the devices left in place such as the box spring and mattress protective encasements. These will protect the mattresses and box springs from becoming re-infested and will prevent bedbugs potentially already within these objects from re-infesting the home.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Where possible, clothing should remain in sealed plastic bags to prevent potential re-infestation. Bags must be kept sealed at all times. Where the homeowner wishes to place clothing back into dressers and closets these items will need to be removed, bagged and re-laundered prior to the follow-up service.

- 4.\_\_\_\_Please leave all other objects in their original state of preparation until the follow-up services have been completed, i.e. electrical outlet covers removed, pictures off of the walls etc.
- 5.\_\_\_\_Do not introduce any new or used furniture or any other potentially infested items not previously in unit
- 6.\_\_\_\_Avoid moving in any new occupants in the apartment unit or house that were not previously occupying the units.
- 7.\_\_\_\_“Booster” insecticide treatments MUST NOT be performed by the client.

#### FUTURE PREVENTION AGAIN BEDBUGS FOR HOMEOWNERS

- 1.\_\_\_\_When traveling both outside of and within the country be sure to inspect hotel rooms to ensure they are free of bedbugs. Inspect the bed, box spring and mattress, paying close attention to the mattress piping, plastic protective caps for the box spring, and the headboard. When returning home, bag and launder all clothing and be sure to inspect suitcases for bedbugs – this stage is preferably done outside or in a garage.
- 2.\_\_\_\_Do not buy used furniture, electronics or beds unless you can verify their origin and are confident they are free of potential bedbug presence.
- 3.\_\_\_\_Periodically perform and inspection of your home focusing on the sleeping quarters and inspecting the bed and furniture in close proximity to the bed. Never open the box spring or mattress encasement covers. Bed bugs hide in cracks and crevices and prefer wood and fabric surfaces so they will be found in these areas most often.

