

# MOORE CONTROL Exterminating Co.



## **PREPARING FOR SERVICE TO ELIMINATE BEDBUGS**

- Service for an infestation of Bedbugs requires very thorough inspection and treatment.
- More than one treatment of the infested room will be necessary.
- The Pest Control Technician will need to spend several hours treating the affected room.
- Under certain circumstances, an inspection prior to treatment may be necessary to go over instructions for your unique situation.
- Cooperation of the home owner/tenant is absolutely necessary for successful treatment of Bedbugs.

### **PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE SERVICE:**

- **REMOVE All Bed Linens**, including sheets, pillowcases, blankets, etc. and place in plastic bags **to be washed in hot water** (temp. 115° F) **and soap**. It has been noted that extreme cold temperatures (even below 0° F) **DO NOT** kill bedbugs, but extreme heat such as Hot Water does kill them.
- **REMOVE All Clothes and coats** from closets and dressers, place in bags to be washed in hot water (temp. 115° f.) and soap, or dry cleaned.
- **Carry clothes and linens to the laundry in a plastic bag**, such as a large garbage bag. Then throw away this bag as it may be infested with the bugs. Use a clean bag to bring the clean items back to the home.
- **DO NOT REPLACE** the clean bed linens or clothes into the room or closets until **AFTER** treatment for bedbugs is completed, and no further bugs or bites have been seen or reported.

- **REMOVE CLUTTER** from the room in order to ensure a thorough service. Place all items into sealed plastic bags so that the bugs are not spread to other areas of the home
- **REMOVE any items stored under the bed**, around the room, or in the closets or night stands, including toys, shoes, slippers, throw rugs, etc. Place these items in bags to be thrown away or wash in HOT water (115°f or more).
- **REMOVE any items stored in cardboard boxes.** Place items in sealed plastic containers or Ziploc bags, and Throw Away cardboard boxes.
- **WASH** Pillows, slippers, stuffed animals, etc. in hot water or tumble in a HOT dryer (115° f) for at least 10-15 minutes to kill any bedbugs.
- **REMOVE any pictures, posters, curtains**, etc. from the walls and windows in the infested room. Place these items in closed plastic bags. They will need to be cleaned, treated by the technician, or thrown away.
- **The MATTRESS and BOX SPRING will need to be removed** from the bed frame to treat the entire frame. The technician may also need to remove the cloth backing from the box spring.
- **All people, animals and pets should be out of the home** for at least four hours. **Fish bowls** must be covered or removed. When returning to the home, windows should be opened for at least one hour.
- **COVER your mattress** with a plastic, hypo-allergenic mattress cover **after treatment is completed** to discourage the return of bedbugs to the mattress.
- Bedbugs can feed on other animals such as pets, rodents, or birds, and these animals may be carrying the bedbugs to other areas of the home or outside the home.
- Bedbugs may be brought into the home by a delivery of furniture or mattress, or on backpacks or luggage, which were in an infested room.
- Bedbugs are not known to carry any diseases although some people may be allergic to the bites.