

Dial- A- Bug

Bedbug Preparation Sheet

HOW TO PREPARE FOR TREATMENT

Adult bedbugs are reddish brown, flattened, oval, and wingless, with microscopic hairs that give them a banded appearance. They are sometimes mistaken for ticks or cockroaches. A common misconception is that they are not visible to the naked eye, but adults grow to about ¼ inch long. Bedbugs particularly like wood and fabric. They hide in cracks, crevices, narrow spaces and voids in proximity to where humans sleep or rest such as: beds and bed frames, nightstands, dressers, desks, recliners and sofas. Heavier infestations spread behind baseboards, in windows and door casings. Look for them behind items attached to walls and ceilings, pictures, electrical switch plates, smoke detectors, loose wallpaper, in the pleats of drapes, and the upholstery of furniture.

Bedbugs can be tough to eliminate. Depending on the infestation more than one treatment may be necessary. To maximize the effectiveness of a Dial A Bug Treatment, it is important to prepare in advance.

BEFORE TREATMENT:

1. Remove clutter off floors and away from walls.
2. Launder bed linens, bedspread, etc. in “hot” water. Leave bed unmade.
3. Wash clothes in “hot” water or have them cleaned. After cleaning, store in garbage bags (not in infected room)
4. Remove ALL items from drawers (nightstands, dressers, desk etc.). All drawers must be treated.
5. Remove switch plates from outlets and switches
6. Remove any items that are mounted to the walls (ex. pictures, mirrors, but **do not** remove these items from the room .
7. VACUUM THOROUGHLY! (Every other day)
8. Purchase mattress covers for mattress and box spring

AFTER TREATMENT:

1. Open as many windows as possible (weather permitting)
2. Leave your home for 4 hours or until the spray has dried. Keep pets and children off treated surfaces until the spray has dried.
3. Allow mattresses to dry completely before remaking them.
4. DO NOT CLEAN FLOORS FOR 2-3 WEEKS! Carpeted areas can be vacuumed
5. Install mattress covers on mattress and box spring (plastic)

Note! It’s not uncommon to be bitten following treatment. You need to give the treatment time to work – at least 7-10 days. If instructions are not followed, you will significantly reduce the chances of eliminating the bedbug problem.