



Preparation for the Extermination of Bedbugs

Bedbugs are extremely difficult to eradicate without the consumer's assistance. With our years of training and experience Killroy has developed a special checklist for consumers to complete before the treatment process. If you have any questions contact your technician. When this checklist is followed, we find that not only are our treatments faster and more effective, but it also costs our customers less time and money. There will be an additional charge of a minimum of \$75 if all the items below are not completed.

People and pets will need to be out of the house or property for four (4) hours during the treatment.

Prepare by:

- PLEASE reduce the clutter to make the inspection easier.
- Steam clean and/or thoroughly vacuum floors 1-3 days PRIOR to treatment.
- Discard all cardboard hanger, boxes, etc.
- Remove all items from the floor except furniture, but not take them out of the building.
- Remove all items from the closet and under the beds.
- Empty luggage and leave open for treatment.
- Move furnishings 1-2 feet from the walls and remove all the items in drawers.
- Remove all wall outlet switch plate covers when practical.
- Wash all bed sheeting and all clothing on normal cycle, and dry on high heat for 30-45 minutes (185 degrees). This high temperature is usually sufficient to kill 100% of the eggs and eliminate a future generation.
- Keep all the laundered articles in sealed tight bags (garbage or vacuumed sealed bags preferably). Hopefully to prevent a re-infestation until treatment is completed. Keep only necessary clothing out during the duration of the treatment.
- DO NOT return laundered clothing or sheeting to the same hamper basket used to transport the items.
- Leave the mattress stripped and off of the bed frame and box spring for treatment.

Question: Should I throw away the mattress? It depends on the condition of the mattress or size of the infestation. If there are holes or tears in the fabric of the mattress, bedbugs or eggs may be inside. There are restrictions on how beds can be treated with insecticides. There are bed covers available for purchase however that are much less expensive than replacing your mattress. Always check with your technician to be sure.