

**Boot A Pest was named New York's Best Bed Bug Exterminator
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Please have ALL the prep work completed before your scheduled appointment. You MUST be ready to leave once I arrive. People and pets are not permitted in the home during treatment. Children under 2 years old should remain out of the home for 24 hours. Don't leave out any pet food, water, or toys on the floor. If you have aquarium pets, please turn off air pumps and place plastic wrap over the top of the tank to seal it up.

Reduce clutter as much as possible. Throw away anything you don't want or use. Now is your time for spring-cleaning, so be sure to wash and vacuum the floors in every room before your treatment. After you're done vacuuming, remove the bag and put it in the trash outside. If you have a canister vacuum, empty it into a trash bag and remove it from the home. Wash out the canister with very hot water. If you remove furniture from the house, wrap it with large plastic wrap before moving it. Plastic wrap (large roll) can be found at hardware stores, moving & storage facilities, Office Max, or Staples.

Kitchen - Please make sure the kitchen sink is empty and clean for both the first and second treatment. Do not leave food out on the kitchen counter or table. Please make sure there is room under the kitchen sink to access the plumbing.

Bathroom - A good general cleaning is recommended before treatment. Do not store clothing in hampers inside the bathroom during treatment. Minimize towels stored in the bathroom to the basic necessities. You can bag extra towels and store them where it's most convenient.

Dining room - In most cases, there is no prep work needed in the dining room. If you are using this room for anything other than eating, please inform us before your treatment.

Living room - Remove any unwanted clutter in this room as well. If you have storage type furniture in the living room, please let us know. Typically there isn't much prep work required in this room. Please provide details of this room if you have confirmed sightings of bugs prior to your first treatment. If any additional steps need to be taken after the first treatment, you can work on this before our second visit.

Closets - Closets in infested rooms should be emptied, unless told otherwise. Please follow the prep recommendations for clothing and shoes listed below. Do not store cardboard anywhere in the house including closets. Closets in other rooms will be inspected for evidence and treated accordingly.

Bedrooms - Strip all bedding the morning of your treatment. Bag sheets and blankets to launder after the first and second treatment. If the bedding is already clean, you can use just the dryer on the hottest setting for 30 minutes. Do not store anything under your bed. If you have items under your bed now, please call me to discuss decontamination options.

Remove clothing, fabric, and shoes from dressers or closets. All furniture should be empty for inspection and treatment. Basic, non-fabric items, in dresser draws should be carefully inspected and cleaned where possible. You can store small, non-washable items inside a Ziploc bag. If you have curtains, you should remove them and run them through the dryer for 20 to 30 minutes. Keep the curtains bagged until after the second treatment. Stuffed animals should be run through the dryer for 30 minutes as well. Keep any stuffed animals sealed until after the second treatment.

Clothing & Shoes - Clothing will need to be run through a dryer for 30 minutes. You don't need to wash clothing if it's already clean, just use the dryer for 30 minutes. Once you have heat-treated the clothes, you will need to store them inside of bags. You can use Ziploc or trash bags. I recommend contractor type trash bags for clothing you can store for a few weeks. Clear type bags or Ziploc bags are best for day-to-day clothing.

Dry-clean only can be run through a dryer for 20 minutes without any problems in most cases. Shoes can be placed inside a pillow case and run through a dryer for 30 minutes. Another great option for shoes or dry-clean only is a Packtite unit. The Packtite is a self contained heating unit and is great for any questionable items such as shoes, pocket books, toys, stuffed animals, books, DVD's, etc. Originally intended for treatment of luggage after traveling, this heating unit will kill all life stages of Bed bugs. This is an excellent investment for the frequent traveler or any items you think could be harboring bugs. Please make sure you read the directions, as with anything, it does have limitations. You can purchase a packtite at www.usbedbugs.com or go to www.packtite.com for more information.

Mattress Encasements - Pricing is based on size, so please let me know what size beds you have prior to your treatment. I need 3-5 days notice to ensure I have the correct sizes in stock. You need to measure the length, width, and depth of both the mattress and box spring for the proper fit. I use Protect-A-Bed brand mattress encasements.