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### **Preparation Guidelines for Bed Bugs**

**Absolute Pest Control Inc.** will be entering your home on \_\_\_\_\_ to treat for Bed Bugs. Prior to their arrival, you should prepare for the treatment as follows:

1. Throughout your home, including the basement if you have one, move all furniture away from the walls by 12 – 18 inches so that we have access to ALL baseboard areas.
2. Bedrooms: Strip the beds of all bedding. Wash sheets and blankets and place in plastic bags, then seal. Empty the dressers and night tables of all items, including paper and personal items. Place all items in plastic bags and seal. Leave the drawers in the dresser or night table. Launder all clothing. Store your clean clothing in pest proof containers or sealed bags to minimize the chance of recontamination. Please note: **blankets and pillows cannot be treated.** These items should be washed and/or replaced more often.
3. **DO NOT** pile items on top of mattresses or couches. These will be treated, so access is necessary.
4. Children's stuffed animals can be washed and then bagged. Wash curtains and/or drapes, concentrate especially on the seams. Place in plastic bags and seal.
5. Vacuum your home entirely, including mattresses, box springs, pillows and upholstered furniture. Place the vacuum bag in a garbage bag, in case an insect or egg was picked up, and discard the garbage bag in the solid waste disposal bin immediately.
6. All closets throughout the home must be emptied completely of all items, hanging, on shelves or on the floor. Also empty storage closets or rooms completely.
7. Any items that are stored underneath beds should be removed and inspected thoroughly for the presence of bed bugs. After inspecting these items, store them in pest proof containers (i.e. sealed garbage bags, tote boxes). You are responsible to make sure items stored outside of treatment area are **FREE** of bedbugs. By not doing so you will re-infest your house!!
8. Remove all knick-knacks and standing picture frames and store in a safe place.

9. Leaf through books and inspect items such as CDs and DVDs etc. for the presence of bed bugs. After inspecting, store in air-tight plastic containers or sealed garbage bags.
10. If you live in an apartment unit, pull off the radiator covers. All homes should have the electrical outlet covers removed prior to service.
11. Upon re-entry, DO NOT wash baseboards, door/window frames, bed frames for at least 3 – 4 weeks.
12. After treatment, everyone must be away from the home for a minimum of 4 to 6 hours. If anyone in the home is pregnant or nursing, has severe allergies, respiratory problems such as asthma, or heart conditions, or babies less than 1 year of age, these people should stay away for a longer period of time, generally 24 hours.
13. All pets must be removed from the home for a minimum of 4 – 6 hours with the exception of the following: birds must be away for 24 hours. For fish tanks, unplug the air pump and cover the tank.

Standard Materials Used During Treatment:

- Tempo WP
- Dagnet or Demand
- Drione
- Pro Aerosol
- Vacuum and Steam

Most of these products are residual insecticides and will work for up to 30 days. Results will vary with level of infestation. Increased activity may occur after treatment as insects are being flushed out of hiding places.

Upon re-entry wash all kitchen countertops and other food preparation surfaces and cover mattresses before sleeping on them.

14. Follow-up treatment may be required after approx. 3 weeks.

**NOTE: IF YOU DO NOT PROPERLY PREP YOUR HOME PRIOR TO THE TREATMENT, WE CANNOT TREAT IT THOROUGHLY. THE END RESULT IS THAT YOU MAY STILL HAVE BED BUGS.**