



BED BUG PREPARATION OF SITE

- Vacuum under all beds removing dust and debris (ensure that the vacuum cleaner has a bag that can be disposed of afterwards)
- Bedding and clothes must be bagged (garbage bag) and taken to laundry for hot wash and hot dry that day and not placed back in the room until after the treatment. Clothes etc may need to stay in a sealed container until we have declared the bed bugs eliminated. Check with our service technician for your own circumstances.
- Cupboards and shelves, bedside tables need to be emptied and contents left on top of desks (contents should not be taken out of the room unless they are placed in sealed bag)
- Posters, pictures wall hangings etc should be removed from the walls.
- The bed frame must be accessible, or at least beds must be dismantled; there are many harborage areas under the slats, in screw bolt holes and in gaps. If we can't reach those areas, we can't treat the problem
- Under no circumstances are any furnishings to be removed from the rooms and taken away (unless they are to be thrown away, in which case they should leave the room in a sealed plastic sheet).
- Any reports of bites by other residents must be reported and rooms inspected; bed bug infestations cannot be treated effectively if all areas are not treated.
- Under no circumstances are you to use your own chemical sprays. Most household sprays contain repellent chemicals and will push bed bugs throughout the building meaning potential extra treatment costs to you.
- It is advisable to purchase mattress covers (Hospitality Industry) which completely seal in the mattress and placed on after treatment, there are also castor covers incorporating a glue trap that stop bed bugs crawling up the bed (provided the bed, linen, cupboards etc) does not touch the wall.
- Steel, tubular beds that are welded one-piece beds have a far smaller chance of providing bed bug harborage. The typical bed set (timber frame base) poses a multitude of problems for detection and elimination, if it is possible, it would be advisable to update these beds.
- Prior to our follow up visit you must vacuum the room and surrounds. This will pick up any dead bed bugs and this means our inspection will not be inhibited by skin castes and debris. The technician may have to treat again if not all bugs are dead.
- The closer you adhere to Exopest recommendations, the more effective the treatment will be. Failure to follow these steps and implement our recommendations could mean an ongoing problem and potential greater treatment costs to you. Also, many more restless nights!
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