

**BED BUGS** 

# GUIDE TO PREPARING YOUR HOME FOR HEAT TREATMENT

## Pesticide-Free Bed Bug Heat Treatment





## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR HEAT TREATMENT

Be ready to leave your residence at the designated time. All residents and animals/pets will need to gone for the duration of the treatment. Please wait for the technician to arrive before leaving for the day. Feel free to contact us with any questions about the preparation process. Follow the below steps prior to technician arrival:

#### THE "DO" LIST

O Prepare a washed and dried change of clothing to wear the day of the treatment.

Leave your home with as little as possible, leaving all of your belongings inside the residence including:

- Clothing
- Backpacks/briefcases
- Purses/handags

Any items (clothing, shoes, valuables) taken out with occupant on day of heat treatment must be thoroughly inspected and sanitized before being reintroduced to treated area.

OClean up the entire residence.

We will not proceed with the treatment with any of the following present in the home:

- Trash
- Left out/spoiled food
- Pet waste
- Any unsanitary items

Permanently dispose of all trash and unwanted items before treatment.

O Vacuum your entire home and vehicle.

Vacuum or sweep up dust/pet hair as it impedes treatment and is hazardous to heat treatment equipment.

Discard the vacuum bag and empty the vacuum canister into the trash after vacuuming.

- Unplug all electronics except major appliances.
- Pull all furniture and items 6" in from walls.
- O Secure objects in the home (remove and lay flat) that could be knocked down by high powered fans used during the treatment process.
  - Hanging Pictures
  - Loose papers (weight them down)
  - Nightstands and endtables
  - Valuable/breakable items on shelves

Vinyl or faux wood blinds have a low heat tolerance; they should be laid flat to avoid warping.

Secure Fish Tanks

Any fish tank larger than 10 gallons must be removed. If under 10 gallons, it can stay in the home, however, must be moved into a bathroom, basement or other approved area.



#### THE "DON'T" LIST

Don't remove any items (mattresses/furniture) from the home.

It is important that you leave all items in place to reduce the risk of spreading the infestation to other rooms, hallways, or adjoining residences.

Furniture and clutter must be pulled away from walls 4 to 6 inches.

- Don't use or apply any type of pesticides or pesticide bombs, foggers, sprays, cleaning aerosols anywhere inside the home before treatment.
- Don't place ANYTHING (clothing or any items) in trash bags or suitcases.

All clothing in drawers and closets should be left in place.

Don't overpack closets.

Air flow is critical to the treatment process, over-packed closets and rooms may not be able to be treated properly.

#### TO INSURE A PROPER TREATMENT

- Electrical switch box should be accessible and within 50 feet of treatment area.
- Cement, tile, brick, block, rock, or high-ceilings may require longer heat times and/or more equipment.
- If you live in a multi-family building, please avoid visiting any other residences or common areas in the building until after the treatment is completed.

#### **LOCATE HEAT SENSITIVE ITEMS**

The following items cannot be in the home during the treatment. These items MUST BE INSPECTED, SANITIZED and PLACED IN A SEAMLESS PLASTIC CONTAINER or REMOVED from the treatment area.

- Pressurized containers aerosol cans, unopened beverage cans/bottles/2 liters
- Fire extinguisher
- Melt-able items like chocolate, lip stick, candles, crayons, or deodorants
- Wines, liquors, perishables, medications, vitamins, and vinyl records
- Live plants
- Items assembled with hot melt glue
- Wireless routers, batteries
- Ammunition
- Musical instruments
- Taxidermy mounts



NOTE: Quality Pest Solutions is not responsible for any delamination of furniture of or items that have been effected by the heat treatment.



### **UNDERSTANDING OF HEAT TREATMENT PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS**

• I have read and understand the heat treatment preparation requirements

Print Name:	Signature:	Date:	
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