

# BEDBUGS: POST-TREATMENT INFORMATION

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## **WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED AFTER A BED BUG TREATMENT?**

It is important to wait at least 4-5 hours before re-entering the home after your treatment. Once inside, open windows and/or turn on air conditioning to ventilate. Cleaning and vacuuming should be avoided for at least one week after treatment.

If you have Asthma or any other breathing problems, consider staying out of the treated living space for 24 hours, instead of the normal 4-5 hours.

Encasements should be installed on mattresses and box springs immediately upon return to your home. Once back in your home you may also return all clothing to dressers and closets.

Wait for all hard and soft furniture, such as upholstered chairs and sofas, mattresses and everything else to fully dry before sitting or using them in any way, as an extra precaution.

Use wall-plug safety blockers. If you are not using an outlet on the wall, then seal it up. This will hopefully block those bed bugs from getting in, out or into your walls where they often hide.

In many cases, a single bed bug treatment will eradicate the problem, however, after the treatment it is possible to observe live and dead insects for several days. It is a possibility there may be some surviving eggs that will hatch. This doesn't mean that the treatment was ineffective. If the problem persists it will be necessary to have a follow-up treatment. A follow-up treatment will not require the same preparation as the initial treatment. The follow-up treatment will be isolated to problem areas and perimeters. You may be asked to remove all linens from beds.

## **THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY A TREATMENT MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE:**

Re-introduction of infested items. If any of your belongings were removed prior to treatment and then brought back afterward, bed bugs could be re-introduced. In order to avoid this, do not move items out of the home or area to be treated.

Re-introduction of bed bugs. If an individual frequents a location that has bed bugs, it is possible to carry them back into the home and create a new infestation.

Remember that you may see live bed bugs shortly after treatment as a result of the treatment and will die. Contact us following your treatment if you experience bites or continue to see live bed bugs after a few days.