



BED BUG AFTERCARE

Now that your home has been professionally treated, here is a list of follow-up directions for aftercare. These directions will help remove dead specimens and prevent re-infestation.

*Be aware you may see some bugs still alive after the treatment, but these bugs should not be able to feed or reproduce since they have been exposed to high temperatures and will be damaged. You must vacuum them up and throw away the bag. If after a few days you still experience bites and have seen a bug then contact us.

- Thoroughly clear clutter from throughout your house, leaving nothing on your floor. Store everything in its proper place. Clearing clutter helps to eliminate places of hiding.
 - Vacuum or sweep your floors every day, paying particular attention to your sleeping and sitting areas. Use attachments to vacuum along baseboards and in, under, and around furniture.
 - Vacuum your mattresses, box springs, sofas, chairs and cushions, paying particular attention to seams and stitched areas. Be sure to flip and vacuum your mattresses and cushions. After vacuuming, immediately place contents of vacuum in a heavy plastic bag and discard.
 - Hard surfaces such as headboards, bed frames, nightstands, coffee and end tables, lamps, bookshelves, and even picture frames should be thoroughly scrubbed. Pay particular attention to the corners, seams, overlays and even screw holes.
 - Pull your bed away from the wall and make sure your bed linens, skirts, sheets, and blankets do not touch the floor.
 - Use a clothes hamper for your dirty laundry.
 - After cleaning, alternate storing summer/winter clothes in plastic totes.
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- Never purchase used items, especially bedding, clothing and living room furniture.
- Be aware of the guests that you have and what they may be carrying into your house. Be sure that luggage, bags and purses are bug free. Bed bugs are opportunistic pests and will hitch a ride on anything. This is the main mode of transportation.
- If you are a frequent traveler, be advised that even five star hotels may have pests. Be careful to inspect anywhere you stay before unpacking.