

Preparing for Your Bed Bug Treatment

Bed bugs are difficult pests to deal with, and good preparation makes a big difference to the success of the treatment. Please read through the following instructions carefully before your appointment.

Before The Treatment

Please secure pets before the technician arrives, especially if there are any concerns around aggression, anxiety, or pets escaping.

Let the technician know about any hazards on the property, including asbestos, mould, sharp objects, weak flooring, restricted access, or anything else that may affect safety.

If there are any areas of the property you do not want us to enter, please let the technician know before the treatment begins.

Please notify the technician of any allergies, asthma, pregnancy, or other medical concerns in the household.

Please also advise us of any sensitive areas, including infants' rooms, elderly residents, medical equipment, or anything else we should be aware of.

People & Pets

All people, including children, must vacate the treated areas during the treatment and remain out for **4 hours**

- ☐ Remove all pets from the property or treated rooms, including cats, dogs, birds, fish, and reptiles.
- ☐ Cover fish tanks and ponds securely with plastic wrap and turn off aeration or pump systems until it is safe to return.
- ☐ Put away pet bowls, pet bedding, and pet food.

Food / Kitchen Areas

- ☐ Store all food in sealed containers, cupboards, or refrigerators.
- ☐ Clear and wipe down all food preparation areas, benches, and dining tables before the treatment.

- ☐ Store all cutlery, dishes, cups, and cooking utensils inside cupboards or sealed containers.
- ☐ Turn off and unplug electrical appliances such as toasters, kettles, coffee machines, and other small appliances in areas being treated.

Bedrooms

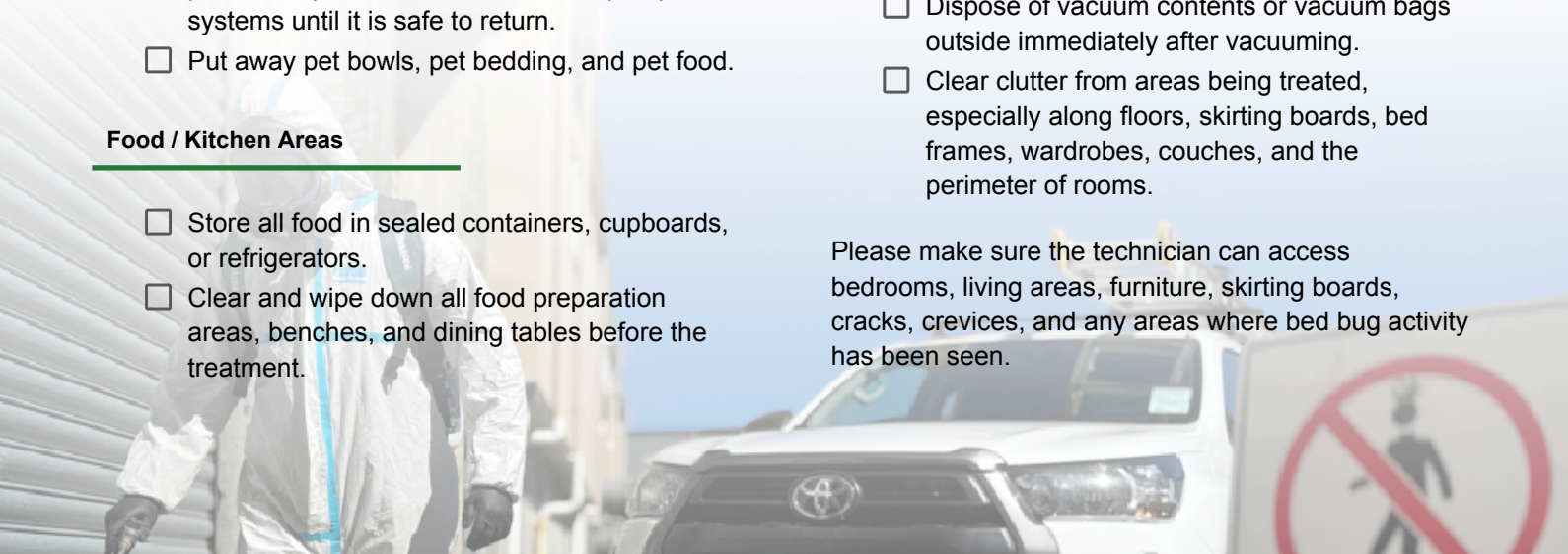
- ☐ Strip beds of sheets, pillowcases, blankets, and duvet covers.
- ☐ Place bedding directly into bags before removing it from the room, or wash it straight away if possible.
- ☐ Wash bedding, clothing, and fabrics on a hot wash where suitable, and dry them thoroughly. Heat helps kill bed bugs and eggs.
- ☐ Remove clothing from floors, furniture, beds, and wardrobes where treatment access is needed.
- ☐ Store clean clothing and bedding in sealed bags or containers until the treatment has dried and the technician has advised it is safe to return items.
- ☐ Pull beds and furniture slightly away from walls where possible so the technician can access skirting boards, bed frames, cracks, and crevices.

Do not move infested furniture, mattresses, or bedding into other rooms unless advised by the technician, as this can spread bed bugs further through the property.

Floors, Clutter & Access

- ☐ Vacuum or sweep floors before the treatment to remove dust, crumbs, and debris. This helps improve treatment effectiveness.
- ☐ Dispose of vacuum contents or vacuum bags outside immediately after vacuuming.
- ☐ Clear clutter from areas being treated, especially along floors, skirting boards, bed frames, wardrobes, couches, and the perimeter of rooms.

Please make sure the technician can access bedrooms, living areas, furniture, skirting boards, cracks, crevices, and any areas where bed bug activity has been seen.



During The Treatment

Do not enter the property or treated rooms until the recommended re-entry time has passed. This is usually 4 hours, depending on the conditions and products used.

After The Treatment

Upon re-entry, open windows and doors to ventilate the property for around 2 hours, then you can close them again.

If any treated surfaces are still wet, leave the property immediately and contact our team before re-entering.

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Wipe down kitchen benches, dining tables, and food preparation surfaces with warm soapy water before use.

Wash any children's toys, clothes, sheets, dishes, etc that were left out during the treatment.

Ensure everyone with access to the property is aware that a treatment has been carried out.

Cleaning After Treatment

Do not mop, wash, or wipe treated skirting boards, floor edges, cracks, crevices, bed frames, furniture edges, or sprayed surfaces for at least 3–4 weeks.

Avoid vacuuming treated areas for up to 4 weeks so the treatment can remain effective.

Monitoring

It is normal to see increased pest activity for up to 14 days after treatment, as pests may be driven out of hiding.

Please contact your technician if bed bugs remain active beyond the expected timeframe, or if you continue getting bites after the treatment has had time to take effect.

Report any unusual reactions, including allergic, respiratory, or skin irritation, to your technician immediately.

Products Used

Please refer to guardianpestcontrol.co.nz/products-used for SDS information on products that may be used during your treatment.

