

Items to be removed before Treatment

Smaller items can be stored in the refrigerator during treatment. Larger items can be boxed and left by the door for inspection. It will be determined if any of these items need to be treated for bed bugs.

- Pets – including fish in aquarium
- Fresh food – fruits, vegetables, perishables
- Foods that melt – chocolate, candy, etc.
- Prescription and over the counter drugs
- Make-up, Wax based items – candles, wax figurines
- House plants
- Anything pressurized – spray cans, fire extinguishers, oxygen bottles, etc.
- Flammables – lighters, lamp fuel, solvents, etc.
- Wooden and stringed musical instruments -- leave the cases
- Family heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected and a determination made as to whether they should be treated.

Do NOT throw away any infested furniture. Improperly disposing of infested items is the fastest way to spread bed bugs. Furniture should be treated before being discarded, or else it **MUST** be wrapped in plastic and clearly marked **INFESTED** before being disposed of.

Clothing

We can treat a reasonable amount of clothing. (No large piles in closets/on floors/on furniture). Excessive amounts of clothing should be treated by drying in a dryer for at least 30 minutes on the highest heat setting. Treated clothing should be placed in sealed bag/container and be kept out of the infested area.

- Clothing on hangers may be left in closets if the space between items is large enough to allow the heated air to circulate.
- Clothing in drawers can be left in place. If clothing is tightly packed then some items must be removed. It may also become necessary to remove the drawers from dressers to help with the air movement.
- Other clothing left in heated space must be placed in open weave laundry baskets. Clothing must be packed loosely. Tightly packed baskets will prevent lethal temperatures from reaching all items. Do not place clothing in plastic bags.
- Larger fabric items -- linens, towels, blankets, etc -- leave in the area being heated.

Waterbeds and Airbeds

- Drain waterbeds
- Partially deflate airbeds
- Select Comfort airbeds with an electronic pump must be partially deflated and unplugged.

Do not remove electronics (game consoles, cable boxes, computers, laptops, portable DVD players, etc.)

Electronics should be switched off and unplugged but left in the space to be treated.

Paper, smaller items

A thermal remediation treatment requires moving large amounts of air to be successful. Secure items that can be blown around.

- Loose papers need to be gathered and boxed.
- Glass items, knick-knacks etc. will need to be secured. Do not leave breakable items on shelves or other areas where damage could happen.