



Bed Bug Treatment Manual

How to prepare your home for treatment

For best results, follow the preparation instructions below.

More time spent on proper preparation will be rewarded with faster results.

Basic Prep

Clothes: Pick up clothes on floors and hanging over chairs and wash in the hottest water possible, and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes. Place these clean, dry clothes in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed.

Dressers and closets: It is not necessary to remove clean clothing or other items from inside dressers and closets unless these items are clearly heavily infested (visible bed bugs). Ornaments and other items can be left in place.

Bedding: Remove **ALL** sheets, covers, encaseings, bed liners, dust ruffles, comforters, pillows, and any other bedding covers from your mattress and box spring in all bedrooms. Wash all bed linens in the hottest water possible and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes. Replacing the original bedding without treatment at high heat is likely to reintroduce bed bugs to the treated room, which could result in control failure.

Cabin beds/beds with built-in storage: Remove all clothing items from these storage areas and wash in the hottest water possible, and then run through a hot dryer cycle for a minimum of 40 minutes. Place these clean, dry clothes in a large garbage bag sealed at the top until the treatment has been completed.

Declutter: This will assist in removing potential bed bug harborages. Check items for signs of infestation.

Facilitate perimeter access: Move all furniture items away from the walls to allow access to the baseboards around the entire room. Baseboards: Vacuum baseboards to remove dust build-up from these areas. Remove the vacuum cleaner bag or contents of the canister, place in a plastic bag, and dispose of in the trash can outside your apartment/home.

Pets: Keep cats and dogs out of the treated area while treating and after treatment for 4 hours. Cover fish tanks, terrariums and small animal cages with a clean towel or sheet.

Important:

DO NOT RE-ENTER TREATED AREAS FOR 4 HOURS AFTER SERVICE.

DO NOT SPRAY ANY PESTICIDES OR CLEANING PRODUCTS IN TREATED AREAS AFTER THE APREHEND TREATMENT. THIS WILL KILL THE APREHEND AND RESULT IN CONTROL FAILURE.

DO NOT USE ANY NICOTINE PRODUCTS (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SMOKING, VAPING, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF NICOTINE CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE PREMISES.

****PER EMPIRE PEST CONTROL'S AGREEMENT, ANY USE OF WATER BASED PRODUCTS OR ANY FORM OF NICOTINE USAGE INSIDE THE PREMISES WILL VOID THIS BED BUG ERADICATION GUARANTEE. (SEE BELOW)****

Please Note:

- Allow the treatment time to work, do not clean or remove the spray barriers. In most cases barriers will have been applied in inconspicuous areas, but, if infestation was suspected behind baseboards or electrical outlets, a 2" spray barrier may have been applied on the wall above or around these installations. Under certain lighting conditions, these barriers may be visible. Leave these in place until you are certain that the infestation has been eradicated. The barrier will remain active for up to 3 months if left undisturbed, but is easily removed with kitchen or bathroom cleaner when required.
- Live bed bugs may be visible for 2-3 weeks after the treatment. Affected bugs may be seen wandering in unusual places, this is a sign that the treatment is working. Remember that bed bugs may not leave their harborages for a number of days after treatment, and nymphs hatching from eggs will not be affected until they cross a spray barrier. However, all bed bugs will die within 3-7 days after coming into contact with Aprehend. Contact your pest control professional if you still see live bed bugs 30 days after treatment.



Post Bed Bug Treatment Manual

Your home was professionally treated with Aprehend.

For success, here's your part:

Wait to re-enter. This allows the aerosol droplets to settle and for the Aprehend barriers to dry.

Regularly launder all bedding. Wash all sheets and pillowcases and dry at high heat for 30–40 minutes. Run comforters and pillows through dryer at high heat for 30–40 minutes. Launder regularly until your pest professional indicates otherwise.

Maintain normal sleeping routines and locations. Otherwise, bugs will remain dormant in your absence and not cross an Aprehend barrier.

Expect wandering behavior. Prior to death, bugs emerge at odd times of the day and in plain view.

DO NOT EXPOSE APREHEND TO LIQUIDS. THIS WILL RENDER APREHEND COMPLETELY INEFFECTIVE. THIS INCLUDES ALL CLEANING PRODUCTS THAT ARE WATER BASED.

DO NOT APPLY CHEMICALS ON THE SAME SURFACE AS APREHEND. THIS INCLUDES BOTH CLEANERS AND OVER-THE-COUNTER PESTICIDES.

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Be patient. You'll see significant knockdown in 4-7 days, but they may emerge from different life cycle stages after that. Don't be alarmed: the Aprehend barriers will keep working for up to 3 months.

To enjoy Aprehend's full effect and up-to 3-month residual protection, you **MUST** follow these guidelines. If you have questions or concerns, contact your trusted Aprehend Professional.

Empire Pest Control Agreement:

"I hereby authorize Empire Pest Control, LLC to begin service according to the above agreement. I agree to follow the prep sheet guidelines in order for my treatment to have a successful outcome. The use of nicotine products (including but not limited to smoking, vaping, or any other form of nicotine consumption) and water-based cleaners within the premises will **VOID** this bed bug eradication guarantee. These substances have been found to interfere with the effectiveness of the treatment and may contribute to the re-infestation or survival of bed bugs. Therefore, adherence to this condition is mandatory to maintain the validity of this guarantee. Empire Pest Control LLC carries Liability Insurance for your protection. Buyer is hereby notified that according to Federal Law you may cancel this contract within three days of signed contract date above without penalty. This service agreement proposal will service as a contract when signed. PEST PREVENTION IS TO BE RENDERED FOR ONLY THE PESTS INDICATED."