

# CONVENTIONAL BED BUG TREATMENT

## *PREPARATION CHECKLIST*

Preparation is vital in the success of bed bug elimination. To ensure you receive the most effective treatment we ask that you partner with Smithereen to complete the below checklist. Please notify Smithereen or your management company if you have any allergies, asthma, chemical sensitivities, or other medical conditions prior to treatment. It is recommended that you, children, and pets not be active in the treated areas for at least 2 hours after the treatment is complete or until material has dried.

### FABRICS

- Fabrics will include all bedding, clothing from dressers and closets, curtains, soft toys, and any other items that can be put in a dryer.
- Dry all fabrics on high heat for 20 minutes then place in plastic bags and tie as securely as possible, do not overpack dryer. Washing is not recommended as it increases preparation time and the risk for damage. Move items to dryer in plastic bag and use a new bag after drying, dispose of old bags in outside garbage. Open bags only when necessary and re-secure them and keep them prepared until Smithereen or management has notified you that all bed bug treatment is complete.
- All luggage and travel bags must be empty and available to Smithereen for inspection/treatment including any in storage units

### LOOSE PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

- All loose personal items need to be inspected and placed in plastic garbage bags or totes by resident.
- Any items that have bed bug activity or are suspicious leave to the side to be inspected by the technician.
- Other items such as lamps, clocks, computers, radios, TV's, and hanging pictures serve as a common hiding place for bed bugs and should be left in place for inspection.
- All dressers, nightstands, and other furniture must be emptied and accessible for inspection and treatment.

### CHILDREN:

- ✓ No chemicals will be used for treating any children's furniture or toys. Please prepare children's rooms in the same way as previously described.

### PETS:

- ✓ Fish tanks, reptile aquariums, and any other animal tanks need to be covered and when possible removed from treatment area. Aeration filters on tanks should be turned off until 2 hours have passed after the completion of the treatment.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Label bags so you know what is located where. Put clothes you wear more frequently in one bag to avoid opening more bags than needed.
- It is not recommended to have any new mattresses/furniture delivered to your home until Smithereen or management has informed you that treatment is complete.
- If it is necessary to dispose of items, they must be wrapped before moved taken out of the home.
- Mattress covers are recommended for any bed bug infestation. Covers can be purchased through Smithereen.