

# Pronto Pest Management

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## Bed Bug Heat Treatment Instructions

### **1. Items that need to be removed from treatment areas:**

Pets-including fish in aquariums

House plants

Make-up

Anything pressurized-spray cans, fire extinguishers, oxygen bottles, etc.

Prescription and over the counter drugs

Flammable-lighters lamp fuel alcohol, solvents, etc.

### **2. Items that need to be protected:**

Fresh food- fruits, vegetables, etc.

Wax based items-candles, wax figurines and fruit, lipstick

Wooden and string musical instruments- leave in cases

Family heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected and a determination made as to whether they should be treated

Some of the smaller items can be stored in the refrigerator during treatment. Larger items can be boxed and left by the door for inspection or placed in the bathroom. Your PRONTO SERVICE TEAM will determine if any of these items need to be treated.

### **3. Clothing:**

The bed bug will seek shelter on and within clothing. To avoid reintroducing bed bugs, any clothing removed from the space before a thermal heat treatment must be treated before being returned to the treated area.

Washing using the hottest water cycle and drying using the hottest drying setting will treat most of the clothing.

Avoid contaminating the freshly washed clothing. Do not return the clean clothing to the container (bag, basket, etc.) it was transported in unless that container is also treated.

Clothing left in the heated space must be packed loosely! Tightly packed baskets will prevent lethal temperatures from reaching all items. Do not place clothing in plastic bags.

Clothing in drawers can be left in place. Except if clothing is tightly packed, then some items must be removed. Also, it may become necessary to remove the drawers from dressers to help with the air movement.

Clothing on hangers may be left in closets if the space between the items is large enough to allow the heated air to circulate. Arrange hanging items to open up air space between them.

### **4. Larger fabric items-Linens, towels, blankets, etc.**

These items should be left in the area being heated, as they are likely to shelter insects.

Place these items in open weave laundry baskets. Pack the items very loosely to allow for air circulation. Do not pack in plastic bags.

### **5. Papers, smaller items, etc.**

A thermal heat treatment requires moving large amounts of air to be successful. All items that can be blown around and possibly damaged need to be protected.

Glass items, knick-knacks etc. will need to be secured. Do not leave breakable item on shelves of other areas where damage could happen.

Pictures, painting, and other wall-mounted items will need to be taken down to prevent damage.

## **6. Electronics-Televisions, computers, video players, stereos, etc.**

Electronics are a hiding place for bed bugs; do not remove electronics from areas being heated.

Switch all electronic appliances to the off position.

Disconnect all electronic appliances by unplugging from the wall outlet.

## **7. Waterbeds and airbeds**

Waterbeds will need to be drained. If the waterbed is not drained, it will prevent the frame from reaching lethal temperatures.

Air beds will need to be partially deflated to avoid damage.

Select Comfort type air beds with an electronic pump must be partially deflated and unplugged from the wall outlet.

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## **Returning to your home:**

The temperatures will probably be elevated when you return. Higher temperatures are a result of the thermal remediation process and cool down periods will be needed.

Open windows or turn on air conditioning to aid in cooling.

During the heat remediation some of your things may have been shifted to get an even heat distribution. They may not have been returned exactly to where they were before the heat remediation.

Damage- Any damage to your possessions must be brought to the Pronto Pest service team's attention as soon as damage is confirmed.

With your cooperation, we will be able to successfully eliminate this serious and challenging pest from your home. We hope your expectations have been met and we thank you for your help.