

Bedbug Treatment Preparation Instructions from Slug-A-Bug

Adult bedbugs are reddish brown, flattened, oval, and wingless, with microscopic hairs that give them a banded appearance. They are sometimes mistaken for ticks or cockroaches. A common misconception is that they are not visible to the naked eye, but adults grow to about ¼ inch long. Bedbugs particularly like wood and fabric. They hid in cracks, crevices, narrow spaces and voids in proximity to where humans sleep or rest, such as: beds and bed frames, nightstands, dresser, desks, recliners and sofas. Heavier infestations spread behind baseboards, in windows and door casings. Look for them behind items attached to walls and ceiling, pictures, electrical switch plates, smoke detectors, loose wallpaper, in the pleats of drapes, and upholstery of furniture.

Bedbugs can be tough to eliminate. Depending on the infestation more than one treatment may be necessary. To maximize the effectiveness of Slug-A-Bug's treatment, it is important to prepare in advance.

Before Treatment:

- 1) Remove clutter off floots and away from walls.
- 2) Launder bed linens, bedspreads, etc, in "hot" water. Leave beds unmade.
- 3) Wash clothes in "hot" water or have them cleaned. After cleaning, store in garbage bags (not in infected room).
- 4) Remove all items from drawers (nightstands, dressers, desks, etc). All drawers must be treated.
- 5) Remove switch plates from outlets and light switches.
- 6) Remove any items that are mounted to the walls (ex. Pictures, mirrors) but do not removal items from the house.
- 7) VACUUM THOROUGHLY! (Every other day)
- 8) Purchase mattress covers for mattresses and box springs.

After Treatment

- 1) Open as many windows as possible (weather permitting)
- 2) Leave your home for 4 hours or until the spray has dried. Keep pets and children off treated surfaces until the spray has dried.
- 3) Allow mattresses to dry completely before remaking them.
- 4) DO NOT CLEAN FLOORS FOR 2-3 WEEKS! Carpeted areas can be vacuumed.
- 5) Install mattress covers on mattresses and box springs (plastic)

Note! It is not uncommon to be bitten following treatment. You need to give the treatment time to work – at least 7-10 days.