



FABRIC PEST TREATMENT

CLIENT PREPARATION GUIDELINE



How To Prepare For Your Fabric Pest Treatment

CHECKLIST

- All fabrics in your unit must be collected, bagged and processed through a high heat dryer cycle. Once complete they must be placed in clean plastic bags and stored in the bathtub, or balcony until the treatment is completed, this is to allow our technicians ease of access to your unit as well as eliminating any fabric pests hiding in your clothing! We are not allowed to apply pesticides to your fabric belongings. The laundering of your fabric items is an essential component to a successful fabric pest treatment. Please refer to our laundering guidelines below. "Fabrics" will include but is not limited to; clothing, outerwear, bed linens, bath linens, curtains, hats, reusable bags, etc.
- Baseboards throughout the entire home must be clear. Please move all furniture 12 inches away from walls to allow access by our technicians. This includes the interior of all closets throughout the home.
- All loose items in dresser drawers, side or night table drawers, coffee table drawers, living room or bedroom storage ottomans or chests must be removed, visually inspected and temporarily stored in a rubber made containers or sealed in plastic bags until treatment is completed. We are not allowed to apply pesticide to your personal effects.
- Fabric pests prefer to hide in tight confined spaces. Reduction of clutter from your unit will drastically improve the chance of a successful treatment. A rule of thumb to use when you are preparing your unit for treatment; If you are struggling to move throughout your unit once the previous 3 items on this list have been completed then we recommend reducing the amount of content you have.



- Do not place any items on top of the bed, couch or armchairs in the unit during your preparation as we will likely be manipulating/moving these items to fully treat them.
- Remove all items from behind/under couches and under beds.
- No food should be exposed in the home. Ensure that the kitchen is clean and that all food items are sealed in containers or placed in the refrigerator. Please collect all water cups, coffee mugs, pet food and water bowls prior to treatment.
- Every day: Vacuum all floors including; carpets, wood, tile, focus should be directed to the edges, cracks and crevices. Use your vacuums extension tool to target the seams, tufts, edges of your furniture where fabric pests may be hiding, remembering that fabric pests prefer to hide in tight confined spaces. Once vacuuming is complete the canister or bag should be emptied and disposed of. Fabric pests can survive being vacuumed up.
- Birds and pets must be removed from the premises for the duration of your treatment and its recommended stay away time. Fish tanks can be covered with a damp towel and the air filter/pump turned off.

————— Laundry Processing Directions —————

When getting your unit prepared for a fabric pest treatment the largest amount of work for a home owner or tenant is getting their fabrics prepared prior to treatment. Fabric pests love to live in tight confined spaces.

Once the fabric pest has been brought into your home, they will quickly seek harbourage in an area that is concealed and out of the way, in most cases this could be on your bed or couch which has fabrics on it most, if not all of the time with blankets, sheets, clothing being placed on it, etc. When you are preparing the fabrics in your home prior to your treatment ALL fabrics must be laundered, this includes but is not limited to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed linens | <input type="checkbox"/> Curtains | <input type="checkbox"/> Stored summer/winter clothing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bathroom linens | <input type="checkbox"/> Hats | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed animals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable grocery bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes (if you have the correct dryer attachment) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outerwear | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks | |



When completing the laundering component of your preparation it is preferred that you only wash fabrics that are soiled. If the majority of your fabric items are clean then running them through a high heat dryer cycle for a minimum of 30 minutes will suffice, however we recommend a full dryer cycle whenever possible. The temperature in your dryer must reach a minimum of 40 deg. C (104 deg. F) and the load is recommended to be a maximum of 50% the capacity of your machine (this will allow the dryer to tumble the clothes more effectively).

Once the laundering of your fabric items has been completed, please take the clean fabrics and place them in clean garbage bags (the old bags should be disposed of in case a fabric pest climbed off when you originally placed the unlaundered clothing in the bag). The bags can then be stacked up in your bathtub or placed on a balcony or other location out of the way so our technician can complete their treatment as effectively as possible.

If you have fabrics that are unable to go through a dryer cycle then there are 2 options remaining. Each item can be dry cleaned or each item can be visually inspected for signs of fabric pests and then vacuumed to remove any that are found. These methods should be used only when a dryer cycle will damage the item, please remember that in most cases where clothing is damaged it is the interaction between wet clothing and heat. The majority of your items should be going into your dryer already dry, thus reducing the risk of damage.

————— After Your Treatment —————

Live fabric pests 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 fabric pests may not leave their harborage for a number of days after treatment, However, all fabric pests will die within 1-2 days after exposing themselves to the pesticides that have been applied. The products applied will only be effective if the following steps are taken after your home is serviced:

- DO NOT use other pesticides (powders or sprays) or cleaning products near areas that have been sprayed, as these products will reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of the treatment.
- Upon re-entry to your home, do not wash any of the baseboards for a period of at least four weeks. The pesticide used has a residual component and if washed it will become ineffective.



- Use clean sheets and blankets on all beds, sheets should be changed frequently to eliminate any bugs that reinfest the fresh linens.
- Daily vacuuming after the treatment should be completed, especially along the baseboards. Use the extension tool to get into corners and cracks. Furniture should also be vacuumed daily with a focus on the seams, tufts and edges.
- You may return all items back to their original positions within your home after the treatment is completed. Please keep in mind that should you continue to find fabric pests; we encourage our clients to unpack slowly as an additional treatment may be required and preparation may need to be re completed prior to a follow up service.

————— What You Can Expect From Your Treatment —————

Your technician will use a variety of methods to control the pest depending on each unique situation. Residual and non-residual pesticides will be applied and will be used in a manner that is most effective to take full control of the pest situation specific to your home. All treatments will be completed using an IPM (integrated pest management) approach with your health and safety in mind.

————— Safety —————

It is necessary for you and your pets to leave your home during the treatment and to remain out of the home for a minimum of 6 hours post treatment being completed. Your pest control technician will supply you with a confirmed re-entry time before you leave.

Aquariums must be covered with a wet towel and have their filters turned off.

Anyone who has allergies, asthma, is pregnant, children under the age of 2 or anyone with respiratory problems should consult their family doctor should they have concerns regarding this re-entry time.

Upon re-entry, open the windows for 20 minutes to properly ventilate the treated rooms.

In an emergency, contact poison control at 604.682.5050 or 1.800.567.8911



————— Additional Questions —————

Should you have any additional questions we recommend consulting our website for further information www.1stpestcontrol.ca, by contacting our office at 1.844.737.8226 or 604.861.7378 or info@1stpestcontrol.ca

If you are a tenant in a building managed by a property manager who has scheduled this service for you, please direct your questions to your property management company.