

THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BED BUG

It is important to understand the life cycle of bed bugs as this information can give you an idea of how severe your infestation is.

A bed bug life cycle (egg to egg) takes about 4-5 weeks. Bed bugs will go through five molting cycles before reaching adulthood. Each cycle requires a single blood meal before molting (shedding its skin) to the next stage. Once bed bugs reach maturity, the females will begin to reproduce.

An adult female bed bug lays 3 to 5 eggs per day and will lay up to 500 eggs in its lifetime. Eggs are often deposited as clusters in cracks, crevices and/or on rough surfaces. Typically, eggs hatch in 6 to 12 days, and the new nymphs (babies) actively seek out their first "blood meal". Bed bugs will go from being a small egg to a full grown adult in as little as 28 days.

Bed bugs have the unique ability to survive without feeding. Nymph bed bugs can survive up to 3-4 months without a meal, and adults can survive over year.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I DISCOVER BED BUGS IN MY HOME?

Once a home is infested with bed bugs, treatment is difficult and time-consuming and should be done by a pest control specialist. Call **Prep 4 Bed Bugs, llc** to help you prep your home or office space properly. If it isn't prepared properly, it reduces the effectiveness of the treatment by 75%.

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BED BUGS HAVE INVADDED EVEN THE CLEANEST AND MOST EXPENSIVE APARTMENTS IN NEW YORK!

Before exterminators can effectively treat your home, pest control companies require that you prepare your apartment according to their specifications. All pest management companies agree that the proper preparation maximizes the effectiveness of the treatment -- regardless of the treatment method used.

The prepping process could be arduous, time consuming, and stressful. That's where we come in. **Prep 4 Bed Bugs** will prepare your home for bed bug extermination. Here how:

STRIPPING

We'll remove all sheets, blankets, mattress covers, pillowcases, etc. from your beds. We'll wash, fold and place them in plastic bags.

DISASSEMBLING

At the pest management company's request, we will disassemble the bed -- separating the headboard and the footboard from the bed frame.

EMPTYING

Your closets must be empty. **Prep 4 Bed Bugs** will remove all clothing, boxes, toys, etc. from bedroom floors and all items beneath the bed(s). We'll empty all dresser drawers, bookshelves, wall units, nightstand drawers and other furniture located near the bed(s). All pictures and wall-hung items will be removed as well and vacuumed. All of the above-mentioned items will be carefully placed in the living room or other such designated area until after your home has been treated by exterminators.

LAUNDERING

We'll wash all clothing, towels, and other linens and place them in plastic bags. Before washing, we'll sort the clothing place them in green-clean dissolvable bags. Placed directly into washing machines, these environmentally-friendly bags dissolve on contact with water, greatly reducing the spread of bed bugs to other areas of the building. The laundry will be stored a designated living area for the duration of the treatment.

VACUUMING

Using HEPA vacs, we'll vacuum all bed frames, mattresses, box springs, furniture, and inside closets, dresser drawers, headboards and nightstands, chairs, rugs and baseboards, wall-hung items, etc. We'll even vacuum shoes before placing them in plastic bags.

ENCASING

We'll encase all mattresses, box springs, and pillows in impenetrable zippered encasements to prevent bed bugs seeking harborage and escaping.

Finally, we'll make all rooms accessible for inspection and treatment by moving furniture at least eight inches from the wall.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

We offer an arsenal of bed bug services. If you don't see what you want, give us a call or visit us on the Web.

For discretion, **Prep 4 Bed Bugs** vehicles are unmarked, our uniforms do not bear our name, and our equipment is carried in concealed plastic bags. Your neighbors would only know why we're in your home if you choose to tell them.

