



## **How to prepare home for bed bug extermination**

1. Prior to extermination, remove all bedding from mattresses, gather all linens, clothing, etc. from living space. This includes any textile materials that are machine washable - pillows, mattress covers, anything - and those that must be dry-cleaned. Even fabric that is in storage should be collected. Wash bedding and any clothing/fabrics that may have come in contact with bedbugs in HOT water, and dry in the dryer if possible. Wash all other linens and fabrics as directed.
2. Take apart bed and lean against wall (if possible, place in garage/car port) as well as the box spring so we can have access to the bed frame, too.
3. After washing, place items in storage bins or bags, or garbage bags. Seal as much as possible to prevent bugs from entering and hiding in the clean fabrics.
4. Empty closets in rooms where bugs have been found, or closets in which fabrics, linens, towels, etc. have been stored. The R&R Pest Control Technicians will need access into these spaces.
5. Unplug electronic devices in rooms being exterminated. This will make the area more accessible to the R&R Pest Control Technicians. Vacuum floors, carpets, nooks and crannies. Steam clean, if possible, floors, rugs (if not machine washable), couch cushions, etc.
6. Move objects away from perimeter of rooms. For example, if your sofa or bed is positioned against a wall, pull it away from the wall. The exterminator will need access to the perimeter of the rooms where bugs have been found, (probably bed rooms and living room). Vacuum along the perimeter of the room.
7. Empty wooden bookshelves, desks, dressers, nightstands etc., and remove drawers if possible. Bedbugs can and will seek refuge between the boards of wooden furniture. This may include coffee tables, television stands, bed frames, photo frames, and box springs.
8. Make sure to leave the place for a space of 2 to 3 hours after the treatment is completed.
9. Wait for all mattresses, sofas, etc. to dry before sitting or laying on them. The products used by the R&R Pest Control technician to exterminate the premises will rarely irritate your skin; they have a very small odor.