



Residential Services ✧ Commercial Services ✧ Bird Solutions

Preparing For Heat Treatment

In order to get ready for treatment, please do the following things before we arrive:

1. Move all furniture away from the walls at least 3 feet. This includes closets. It is extremely important that this is done prior to us arriving so we can get right to work.
2. Put the items listed below into one or more boxes (label the box[es] “Do Not Heat”) and leave them by the door. Don’t take them out of the house; we’ll inspect them for bed bugs.
 - All aerosols and pressurized cans, including hairspray, spray-on deodorants, bug sprays, spray paints, asthma inhalers, and aerosol cleaning products
 - Chocolate and other meltable foodstuffs, fresh fruit and candy (meltable foods in the refrigerator can be left in the refrigerator)
 - Beverages – bottles of wine and carbonated beverages
 - All medicines (medicines that are normally kept in the refrigerator can be left there)
 - Candles, wax figurines and oil paintings
 - Musical instruments that might be damaged by heat, such as guitars
 - All flammable materials, including butane lighters, lamp fuel, fuel for food warmers, solvents, fire extinguishers, oxygen, ammunition, etc.
 - Laminated furniture and laminate in general can be damaged by heat. **ProGuard is not responsible for damage to laminated items left in the home during heat treatment.**
 - House plants, pets, fish
 - If these items are not put into the “Do Not Heat” box, we will not be responsible for damage.



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3. As much as possible, arrange clothing in closets in such a way that there is some space between articles of clothing hanging from rods or lying on shelves. This will help heat to be evenly distributed.
4. Clothing in drawers can be left in the drawers, but if articles are densely packed, remove them and place them loosely in open-weave laundry baskets as in No.5.
5. Place linens, towels, folded clothing, folded blankets, afghans, etc. loosely into open-weave laundry baskets so that we can distribute heat to all portions of these articles. Do NOT place clothing or linens into plastic bags!
6. Gather loose papers, books and articles that would be blown about by a stiff wind, and put them in boxes (we're going to use powerful fans to distribute hot air, and we don't want to mess things up).
7. Take down wall-mounted knickknack shelves, wall hangings, small pictures and any wall-mounted articles that might be damaged if someone brushes against them (we will be moving through the area with large, heavy equipment, and we don't want to damage these things).
8. If a waterbed is present, drain it. If an air bed (Select Comfort or other brand) is present, deflate the air bladders.
9. Area rugs in each room to be treated are to be rolled up and stood on end to clear the floor for treatment. This includes area rugs, linoleum overlays, and carpeted floors.
10. You can leave all electronics in your home including Plasma TV's, LCD monitors, Computers, CD's, DVD's, and others. Unplug all home electronics.
11. Empty all suitcases. Suitcases are a high risk area for bed bug infestation. They must be completely empty for effective heat treatment penetrations.
12. Remove all trash from unit, sealed and placed into a dumpster.
13. Any heat sensitive items that are in the unit that are not listed above need to be removed. **ProGuard will not be responsible for damage to these items.**



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After Heat Treatment :

Your house may still be warm when you return, and you will notice that some clothing, linens, furniture etc. are not exactly the way you left them. That's because we moved things around in order to get even distribution of heat. Open windows and use fans or the air conditioning as needed, and move your belongings back where they belong.

We recommend vacuuming floors and furniture for 2 consecutive days following treatment.

