



## Prevention & Elimination of Bed Bugs

1. Wash linen once a week in hot water & dry on hot cycle. Put on mattress & box spring Encasements & leave on for the life of the bed.
2. Empty vacuum bag after each use, and place in outside garbage.
3. Wash Teddy Bears & ALL plastic toys. Wash teddy bears in hot water & dry on hot cycle. Then bag and seal.
4. Wash clothing before bagging, and bag and seal after.
5. Do not store any items under bed.
6. Inspect CD's, DVD's, Books, Shoes & records for Bed bugs.
7. Do not store cardboard or newspapers.
8. De-clutter all areas of home.
9. Wash ALL throw carpets.
10. Have suitcases pre-empted and open for treatment.
11. Wash any pet beds.
12. Empty ALL dressers, all shelving units (eg: shoe shelf, book shelf, microwave stand) & closets for treatment.
13. Remove cloth liner on bottom of box spring.
14. Remove ALL plug in & light switch plate covers.
15. Remove radiant heat covers for treatment.
16. Slash any infested mattresses that will be thrown out.
17. Do not buy or accept any second hand furniture or other items. (EG: garage sales, flea markets or hand me downs, etc....)
18. Inspect sofas & beds once per week for bed bugs.
19. If any bugs are found, keep sample in container & show technician.
20. Have artificial plants & pots treated.
21. Keep wicker furniture to a minimum & it should be treated as well.
22. Wash ALL curtains.