

How do I prepare for Lu-Crest to treat my home for bedbugs?

Lu-Crest Pest Control will perform 3 treatments at approximately 10-11 DayIntervals. Prep work **MUST** be done completely before treatment can be started. If you are unable to finish all these steps before the first scheduled visit contact this office. A successful treatment relies on thorough prep work. The following instructions are intended to cover most residential situations.

- First on the list is to declutter where possible. Discard unnecessarybags, boxes, newspapers, clothing, Etc. Do not just place items in bags and move them to the garage or storage room, intending to bring them back later. Bedbugs can survive 6 months or longer in bags, and you will reinfest your residence.
- Next you will need to seal all mattresses and box springs in bedbug covers. These special encasements have tight closing zippers that seal the bedbugs in. Buy the correct size for a snug fit so bedbugs cannot hide in excess folds of material. They vary widely in type and price and are available at Wal-Mart. If you select an encasement thatrips during installation, seal the opening thoroughly with duct tape. Plan to leave them on for a year to ensure all bugs inside are dead.
- Obtain 42 gallon, 3 mil thick, plastic contractor bags. These will be used to bag up items that cannot be heated in the dryer. **Do not fillthe bags more then half-full!** Lu-Crest will seal the bags after gassing strips are placed in them. They will remain sealed until thefinal treatment. Lu-Crest will then unseal them and remove the gassing strips. The gas will dissipate within an hour or two and NO residual remains on the items; there is no need to wash thebagged items. Do NOT place bags on beds or furniture; Lu-Crest needs to treat and tilt them.

- Sort the clothes out that you will need to use over the next 3 weeks until treatments are completed. If clothes are clean, heat in a dryer on high for 60 minutes loosely packed. **Then place directly in tightly sealed bags.** If clothes are soiled, heat on high for 60 mins loosely packed, then wash + dry normally. **Place these clothes directly in your bags.** NO clothing that has not been run through the proper heating steps listed above should be placed in your temporary bags to avoid re-infesting the entire bag with bugs.
- Remove all comforters, blankets, sheets, pillows, and pillow cases from beds prior to each service and place in dryer on high heat for at least 60 minutes. If you choose not to heat the comforters and larger blankets place them in a 3 mil 42 gallon plastic bag and Lu-Crest will use a gassing strip to treat them. Linens may be returned to the beds after the treatment that evening.
- Do NOT place sterilized bedding/clothes in small grocery/trash bags; these bags are not large enough to allow them to be tightly sealed, and they often rip, allowing bedbugs to re-enter.
- Kitchen/Food- Seal food and place in cupboards. **Do not** place food, dishes, pots/pans in the contractor bags. Seal all medicine bottles and **Do not** place them in gassing bags. Kitchen floors and trim will be treated.
- Completely empty all dressers and nightstand drawers **and** tops-these will be tilted to allow treatment.

The following is a partial list of items that should be bagged. This is not meant to be a complete list- households will vary as to their contents.

1. Linens, books, DVDs, toys, cardboard boxed items, shoes.
2. Pictures, mirrors on walls.
3. Mail, papers, magazines, newspapers.
4. Vacuum Cleaners / Shampoo machines.
5. Small rugs.
6. Items from coffee/end tables.
7. Any loose items on floors.
8. Empty luggage.
9. Totes can be no more than half full. Small collectible/fragile items can be placed in totes and have bubble-pack in between layers. Lu-Crest will place a gassing strip in them and replace the lid.

Closets must be empty, including all hangers. Curtains should be heated for 60 minutes after each treatment.

All floors should be swept and mopped **BEFORE** the first treatment. Do not resume mopping until 2 weeks after the final treatment.

All fish tanks must have their air intakes disconnected and the tanks must be covered in plastic.

All persons and pets must vacate the property during the service and not return for at least two hours **AFTER** the treatment.

Most of the time it is not possible to determine how and when bedbugs were brought into the residence. A partial list of known sources of bed bug infestation includes: Thrift stores, garage sales, rent-to-own stores+trucks, U-Haul trucks, libraries, self-storage buildings, public transportation. Avoid these services where possible; inspect items thoroughly.

Please contact us with any additional questions. Lu-Crest Pest Control -
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