



P.O. Box 129, Boulder Creek, CA 95006
800-540-0658

What Do I Do After My First Bed Bug Treatment??

We realize the work it takes to thoroughly prepare a unit for bed bug treatment, and the inconvenience it might cause you and your family while the treatments are being completed. Unfortunately due to the nature of the bed bug's lifecycle and behaviors, these pests are exceptionally difficult to eradicate. But with your cooperation and patience, and our technicians' hard work and current state-of-the-art methods used, the treatments will be successful.

Generally, depending on the level of your unit's infestation, a minimum of two treatments will be required, possibly more. Your pest control manager will determine if additional services/appointments will be necessary. (Please consult your apartment manager for information regarding future appointment dates and times.) **For EACH treatment you will need to COMPLETE all preparations** as instructed for your first appointment. This means furniture moved away from the walls and **ALL** clothes washed/dried in **HOT** temperatures, etc. (Please review your prep instructions). We realize the work this takes, but cannot stress enough the importance of your cooperation in this process. A few tips that might make life a bit easier during this difficult time are as follows:

1. Identify those clothes that you will need over the next few weeks and remove them from the laundered ones. These clothes can be hung in your closet, or placed in your drawers, but **LEAVE ALL OTHER LAUNDERED CLOTHES IN TIGHTLY SEALED PLASTIC BAGS**. When doing your regular weekly laundry, continue using **hot** temperatures. The clothes you are wearing weekly will also need to be laundered and bagged prior to your next bed bug treatment.
2. If you use laundry facilities that others frequent, please continue to take precautions to **NOT** spread bed bugs. Carefully bag up your laundry, secure the bag tightly then deliver the clothes directly to the washer/dryer, immediately discarding the used bag into an outside garbage bin/dumpster.
3. Now that you have had your mattresses treated it is the best time to cover them with Protect-a-Bed mattress encasements. Speak to your manager or technician to learn more about ordering these bed bug bed encasements. (We absolutely recommend the Protect-A-Bed brand. Research shows them to be 100% effective when used properly. You can go to CalAmericanExt.com for additional information about this product.
4. Continue to vacuum and wipe up any dead bed bugs/nymphs/eggs you may find, being extremely careful when discarding them. When using a vacuum with a bag remove it and place it in a plastic garbage bag, securely sealing it, and disposing of it into an **outside** trash bin. For a "bagless" vacuum it is best to take the machine outside for cleaning. Take disposable alcohol wipes and as thoroughly as you can, wipe down the machine parts that you can reach. Carefully place all the soiled wipes in a small plastic bag and discard it into the outside garbage bin/dumpster. Do this after each vacuuming.
5. Following each treatment you may return the furniture to its original location, but before your next appointment you will again need to move it away from the walls.
6. **DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE TRY TO TREAT YOUR OWN UNIT WITH "OVER THE COUNTER PRODUCTS"**. Such actions could interfere with the treatment plan/products used by the technician(s) and cause the problem to become worse.
7. Only remove from the plastic bags those items you need to use between treatments. Immediately reseal the bag(s). Once again before future treatments, place the items you've used in **new** bags and treat as needed. (Place the plastic bags in the hot sun when possible.) Remember clutter provides an unlimited area for bed bugs to live. Do your best to continue to eliminate **ALL** clutter.
8. Before each treatment remove all bedding, (**except bed bug encasements**) and wash/ dry at high temperatures. Place the clean bedding in new plastic bags and seal securely until after your appointment.
9. Contact your manager to confirm your next treatment date. Take time to make the final preparations before the technician(s) arrive.

BE PATIENT-- the treatment of bed bugs is a process, and it will be successful if we all work together.