



Treatment Process (Overview) for Bedbugs.

⊙ **(Day 1) Initial Treatment** - (*pending all prep has been completed*) Once the technician(s) begin the treatment all humans & pets must leave for 6 hours before re-entry. *Infants under 6 months must vacate for 24 hours after the initial treatment has begun*

The technician will be:

- ⊙ Inspecting all infestation prone areas
- ⊙ Sealing your designated Pro-Strip area(s)- either: closet(s), extra room(s), unused bedroom(s)
- ⊙ Treating every bedroom & living space
- ⊙ Treating all flooring in potential hot spots
- ⊙ Treating all furniture (cracks & crevices, drawers, cushions, front/sides/arms/back/bottom, every joint where pieces of the furniture are connected)
- ⊙ Applying a barrier around baseboards
- ⊙ Treating wall to ceiling lines plus any cracks or crevices around vents, fixtures, smoke-detectors, etc.
- ⊙ Treating window frames, blinds/shades, and doorframes
- ⊙ Leaving behind mattress encasements for the residents to install (*when applicable*)

*After the initial treatment: it is extremely important to make sure the Pro-Strip area(s) stays completely sealed off and closed. In order to insure elimination of possible insects in items, the vapor must reach a thick concentration in the sealed area for 7 days. Moderate home temperature is suggested to insure a tight seal, thermostats set above 74 degrees run the potential of compromising the tight seal. If the seal comes lose or starts to fall down, please call or text our office **ASAP** so we can send a tech to re-seal given area(s).

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Run *all used bedding* in the dryer for 40 minutes on high heat, and vacuum as often as possible (daily to every other day) to insure the remaining populations are being continuously knocked down between visits.

Ⓢ **(7 days later) follow-up #1 of 3** Ⓢ When the tech. arrives, preparations should resemble how they were done for the initial treatment. Make sure all bedding used the night before treatment is laundered, the same condition applies for any clothing left in infestation prone areas.

Ⓢ After treatment, the tech. will open all sealed spaces, and upon reentry 3-4 hours later items may be returning to their desired destinations.

Ⓢ **(7 days later) follow-up #2 of 3** Ⓢ Be sure at this point you are following the “Follow-Up Treatments” preparation sheet.

Ⓢ **(7 days later) follow-up #3 of 3 (final treatment)** Ⓢ By this 3rd follow-up treatment, if everything has gone according to protocol, the technician will no longer be seeing any active infestations, and the treatment will be a full inspection and preventative treatment. Dependent on situational variables (level of initial infestation, re-introduction, proper preparations /following-procedure) if any active bed bug adults, nymphs, or eggs are found- an additional follow-up visit may be needed.

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Initial Treatment: Personal-Item Preparation

Treating your personal items; Pro-Strip instructions

Nuvan Pro-strips are small 'strips' that slowly release a deep penetrating vapor. The clean, odorless vapor is evenly distributed throughout a fully enclosed treatment area for a period of 7 days. This will kill all insects & eggs, leaving your items Bed-Bug free.

Upon the technician's arrival to perform the Initial Treatment, *all* personal items (except what is needed for the 7 day period) must be placed in the designated Vapor-Sealed area.

In bed-bug treatments the pro-strip provides an effective method for treating items that are delicate or *cannot* be sprayed, including (but not limited to):

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| - ALL electronics | - appliances | - footwear | - art/decorations | - excess clothing |
| - computers | - clocks | - collectables | - plush toys | - mirrors |
| - radios/stereos | - telephone(s) | - lamps | - books | - personal items |
| - televisions | - instruments | - CD/DVD's | - curtains | - etc. |

Pro-strip treatment steps:

Step 1. Make space. We will be sealing off your personal items in the agreed upon space which is typically one or more closet(s) and/or a spare bedroom, so determine the amount of space needed and make sure adequate space is prepared. If a room can be easily sealed off, you have the option of putting all belongings in a room instead of closets. The only additional requirement is that we have a clear trail to access the floor/ ceiling vents so we can seal off all areas of air transfer. The space must be air tight for the vapor product to do its job properly.

Step 2. Move it in. Now that you have your items determined and your space made, go ahead and move it into the closet(s)/ spare bedroom. You can fill the space as high as you need to, as long as we can open and close the door. If you use a bedroom, please leave us a path to seal off the air vents. **DO NOT place items in trash-bags. If sealed containers are used, remember to CRACK THE LID.** If you have 3 available closets and everything can fit into 1, *please* reduce down to 1 closet. We cannot seal up every closet in the home.

Step 3. Wait 7 days. Once the technician has left, you should now have your designated areas sealed off. Now just leave it alone and wait for your pest control professional to return and open it back up! If the technician arrives 7 days later and the seal has been tampered with or opened early, we will unfortunately have to re-seal and begin the 7 day cycle again. We must be certain the area was sealed off for the required amount of time or the product will **not** work properly. Call or text (812-361-2782) immediately if the seal has been compromised and we will send someone out.

PLEASE DO NOT TRY REMOVING ON YOUR OWN. PRO-STRIP MUST BE HANDLED BY A PEST CONTROL PROFESSIONAL.

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Initial Treatment: Full Preparation Checklist

Mandatory preparations – 2 pages

__ You have discussed with Affordable Termite & Pest Control and are clear as to what closet(s) and/or bedroom(s) are being sealed off with your personal items for the 7-day period. **If this is not completed or you are unsure, contact us immediately.**

__ **All personal items** (excluding 7-day supplies) **have been contained to the area we will be sealing off.** (Refer to Pro-strip instructions)

__ **Emptied & cleared off;** cabinets, dressers, tables, shelves have been emptied & tops are cleared off in bedroom, extra closet, living room, dining room, etc., and these items are placed in the designated area to be sealed.

__ **Electronics; ALL electronics must be in the designated area to be sealed off.** *You *can* leave out 1 TV, cable-box, internet-router, 1 computer if needed. 1 lamp in each room may be left out.

__ **Off the floors;** ALL items are off of the floor and in the area to be sealed off (shoes needed during the 7 day period should be left in bathroom or by the front door)

__ **Off the walls;** Decorations, mirrors, paintings, pictures, posters, etc. are off all walls and in the area we will be sealing off.

__ **Out from under the bed;** Everything is cleared out from underneath the bed and in the area we will be sealing off.

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__ **Off the windows;** Window curtains must be removed and placed in the designated area to be sealed off.

__ **Rugs;** Any and all floor mats or rugs in the house (excluding exterior doormats) MUST be in the designated area to be sealed off.

_ **Space from wall;** Chairs, couches, beds, side-tables are 2+ft. away from walls.

__ **Covers off;** Electrical outlet/switch covers have been removed in all bedrooms & living quarters. EXCLUDING the areas designated to be sealed off.

__ **Launder/de-contaminate;**

These items have been laundered (at least 30 minutes in dryer on high-heat) no sooner than the day before treatment & are contained in non-contaminated (new) trash bags. Said bags are left in the dining area, kitchen, or in the bathroom tub (out of the way).

_ 7 day supply (minimized) of clothing

_ all used bedding and bathroom towels

__ **Encasements;** You have contacted Affordable Termite & Pest Control and informed them the size (infant, single, twin, full, queen, king) of each bed that is slept on in your home. They will need to know the size of each bed, if it is a mattress and a box-frame, and how many there are. This is crucial in order to protect and properly treat your beds. *Encasements do incur an additional charge.

__ **Vacating;** You have made plans to vacate for 6 hour after the technician has begun treating.

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You are now prepared for your bed-bug initial treatment, thank you for your energy

It doesn't go in there! all food items, medications, body-care items (toiletries, lotions, first-aid, etc), & smoking related items are **NOT** in the areas to be sealed off. These items can be left in the kitchen or bathroom. If left in designated pro-strip vapor area, these items will need to be immediately disposed of upon re-entry.

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Follow-Up Treatment: Preparations

For the Control & Eradication of Bedbugs

*For proper eradication of bedbugs, these preparations are **mandatory** and must be completed in full upon arrival for service.*

◎ **Nightstands, tables, and dresser top surfaces need cleared of personal items.**

Your pest control professional will be servicing all cracks and crevices of the home and furniture near bedbug hot-spots (sleeping areas + areas people often spend time in the dwelling) making it extremely important we have full accessibility to these areas, so clear away the clutter.

◎ **All floor areas must also be cleared of personal items or 'clutter'.** (example: clothing, shoes, bags, books, papers, electronics, etc.)

Accessibility is key to proper pest management. Bed-Bugs live in cracks & crevices of both your personal items and the structure.

◎ **The day of treatment prior to our arrival, the bedding MUST be taken off, then:**

-Put bedding directly from bed into the washer/dryer to properly clean/heat treat
-After laundered, bedding goes directly into a new trash-bag(s) and left somewhere out of the way (laundry room, dining area, etc.) This is extremely important! A Bedbugs' favorite place to hide is next to you, making bedding an extremely high-risk area of harboring bedbugs!

Your pest control professional **WILL NOT** treat your bedding, meaning that if this step is not followed, it will compromise the effectiveness of remediation.

You will have to leave your dwelling for a minimum of 3 hours after the treatment is completed. Before the treatment begins, simply ask your pest control professional what time you can return, and he will have an exact time for you.

Due to the resilient nature of bedbug, control requires the use of restricted pesticides.

To prevent any health risks, **DO NOT ENTER** your home before the time your pest control professional gives you for safe re-entry.

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