

Heat Treatment Pre-treatment Check List

The pre-treatment check list details the steps and preparation that occupants should take to ensure a successful remediation. This check list must be covered thoroughly with the occupants. Prior to the start of treatment, all items must be reviewed by the technician to verify compliance. Corrective measure shall be taken if steps are not fully completed.

- o Remove all trash from all receptacles and clear common areas.
- Have each person in your dwelling select one set of clothing to wear the day of the treatment. Place clothing in the dryer for one hour on high heat, then place in a sealed bag outside of the structure. Leave all other clothing items in the dwelling if possible.
- Remaining clothing in the dwelling should be placed on hangers with at least 1 inch of space between each hanging item. Once hanging areas are full, other clothing items should be dried on high heat for one hour and then put into tightly sealed plastic bags or totes with covers and removed from the dwelling during treatment, so as not to melt. Such items should be cycled out of and back into sealed containers until the entire infestation is eradicated. (As items need to be used/worn, dry on high heat for one hour after use and then put back into sealed containers.)

o DO NOT PUT BLANKETS OR CLOTHING IN PILES.

- All cushions, frames, mattresses, cabinets, and desks are to remain in the space to be treated. Remove all
 linens from the bed and take care of in the same manner as clothing items. All drawers and doors should
 be opened and will be manipulated during the process to ensure successful treatment.
- o Remove all pressurized cylinders, aerosol cans, paints and flammable chemicals.
- o Remove small items such as picture frames, paintings, or paperwork that may be blown away by air circulation from equipment during the remediation process.
- Leave all electronic equipment in the structure during remediation. Electronics have a high potential for infestation in source areas. This equipment is usually rated for temperatures between 130 and 150 degrees F.
- o Remove oil paintings, aquariums containing fish, and pets from the dwelling.
- o Remove soap, candles, chocolate, cosmetics, bottled alcohols, medication, cologne, perfume, fruits and vegetables, and store them in the refrigerator.
- o Leave as much in the structure as possible, since success requires treatment of all possible items.
- o One-of-a-kind items such as heirlooms and irreplaceable possessions should always be removed from the premises prior to treatment. All items should be visually inspected by customer prior to removal.
- o All vinyl blinds (vertical or horizontal) must be taken off walls and laid flat on the floor.
- o All rugs are to be rolled up and tied, then placed in the corners of the living room.
- All live plants must be removed from the dwelling.
- Valley Pest control will refuse treatment to any units not properly and completely prepared prior to treatment. A \$100.00 rescheduling fee will be charged in these cases.

The following is a list of common heat-sensitive items/materials, including but not limited to:

Wax, Chocolate, Olefin carpet (direct contact from duct or heater), Certain adhesives, Aquariums- fish and other pets, Aerosol cans, Creams and lotions, Wine and other alcohols, Certain electronics, Oil paintings, Medication, Silk clothing, Perishable items (fruits and vegetables), Cologne or perfume, Empty plastic bottles (soda or water), Decretive olive oil glasses.

Above items can be placed in the refrigerator to protect them during the remediation process.