

# **LIGHTS OUT**

## **RESIDENTIAL CHECKLIST PRIOR TO APPLICATION**

**Bed Bugs are known to be among the most difficult pests to be rid of. Your help and co-operation is very important in this process.**

**50% to 60% of any infestation is in the form of eggs that have not hatched. These eggs are many times located in places that cannot be reached. For this reason we use a *nontoxic, hypoallergenic product that will continue to work and stays in place for the next 30 days.* So even though we cannot get to the eggs, as the nymphs emerge the product we are using will kill the bed bugs that emerge from the eggs.**

**Because the bed bugs continue to come out, you may still have some evidence over the next few weeks, but as they come in contact with the product we are using, they will also be eliminated.**

**You can help speed the process by helping get rid of the hiding places. *The more complete the help you provide, the quicker the infestation problem will be solved.***

*Please complete following before Lights Out application.*

**BEDDING** - Mattresses and box springs to be treated should be handled as follows. All bedding including: sheets, pillows, bed skirts, dust ruffles and bed covering needs to be removed prior to treatment. Running these items through a dryer at high temp for 25 minutes will kill most eggs. Remember to remove in a sealed plastic bag. When emptied the bag should be sealed and thrown in the trash. The items from the dryer should be brought back in a separate uncontaminated bag. If your box spring has a cloth cover on the bottom that cover should be removed and placed in a plastic bag to be discarded. The area under the box spring should be thoroughly treated with a light spray application.

**FURNITURE & CLOSETS** – Furniture can be treated with a light spray application. *Cushions that can be removed should be taken off so that all sides can be sprayed.*

The contents of closets, dressers, chests, nightstands and tables should be emptied of all items. Discard all unneeded items and eliminate clutter.

**WINDOW TREATMENTS** - All draperies, curtains and valances, including any fabric

blinds must be removed and laundered or placed in a dryer for 25 minutes at high temperature. Other blinds such as wood or vinyl shall remain.

**CLOTHING** - All clothing, including stuffed toys and any other washable items should be placed in dryer at high temperature for 25 minutes (do not over load dryer).

**PERSONAL ITEMS** – Where possible, personal items, toys and all other items that can be placed in a dryer should be placed in clothe bags and place in the dryer at high temperature for 25 minutes.

**FLOORS** - Vacuum all carpeting including under all furniture and beds. Vacuum all remaining floor including hardwood, vinyl and ceramic. Immediately after cleaning remove the vacuum bag or canister and dispose in a tightly tied bag and place in a garbage container away from the structure. The bag may contain bed bugs and bed bug eggs.

**ADDITIONAL** - Remove all electrical plates, phone jack covers and light switch plates. Move all items away from the walls as possible. Remove hanging mirrors, pictures and place on the floor for treatment.

**PETS** - Pets must be removed prior to service and fish/reptile pumps turned off and tanks covered.

Bed bug infestations that have been in existence for 90 days or longer will take longer to completely eliminate. The females have had the opportunity, during this time, to lay thousands of eggs that are generally hidden in almost totally inaccessible places. In any bed bug infestation around 60% of the bed bugs are hidden. Lights Out will kill on contact and when the eggs hatch generally 10-14 days after being laid they will also be killed when they come in contact with Lights Out unique residual compounds. If there is no carpeting in a bedroom or under the bed we find faster bed bug elimination occurs by treating an area rug or towels and placing it under the bed. An infestation of 90 days or longer may require 2 to 3 applications over a 30-60 day period.