## **BEDBUG PREPARATION CHECKLIST**

- Strip the bed(s) and launder all sheets, pillowcases, mattress *pads*, and blankets.
- Remove everything from bedroom closet(s) and place in plastic bags.
- Remove everything from dresser drawers, nightstands, and dressing tables and place in plastic bags.
- Have all clothing and fabrics laundered or dry-cleaned.
- Remove drapes and have them laundered, dry cleaned, or replaced.
- Discard cardboard boxes, shoeboxes, paper and plastic bags, old newspapers, stacks of magazines, and similar items in infested rooms.
- Vacuum all infested rooms. Beside the floor, also vacuum mattresses, bedsprings, couches, chairs, closets and closet shelves, shoes, inside dresser draws, and beside table drawers. Vacuum bags are to be placed in a plastic bag and discarded.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- Discarding of any compromised (ripped *I* torn) materials or heavily infested items may be required.
- Dismantling of bed frames and other items will be performed as part of the service program.
- Should the box spring remain, removal of the cheesecloth underside is required for proper inspection and/or application.
- Zippered mattress bags will be used. Mattresses can be used (back on bed frame) but must remain in these bags for at least thirty days. Linens are to go over the bags.
- If laundering, a hot water & detergent cycle + dryer must be used.
- A clutter free environment must be provided in order to allow access for the service technician to treat all of the needed areas.
- Before removing all bagged items the client should inspect for pest activity.
- The client should not touch or move any monitoring device.
- "Booster" insecticide treatments MUST NOT be performed by the client.

Please allow 30 days for treatments to work, if after 30 days and problems persist, call the office for a follow-up service.