



## **Thermal Remediation/ Heat Treatment Preparation for Bed Bugs**

### **Property Owner/Management Company Prep**

- Sprinkler systems with sprinkler heads rated below 155F need to be shut down and sprinkler heads need to be removed or replaced with heads rated at 155F or higher
- Deactivate or remove smoke/heat/fire detectors and alarms in service areas. Contact alarm company if needed.
- Make alternative lodging arrangements from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on service date.
- Provide service personnel access to unit(s) and all interior areas of unit(s) scheduled for treatment.
- Detach carpet from perimeter tack and strips and roll up area rugs (leave rugs in treatment area).
- Review and check on resident/tenant preparations and be prepared to assist in preparations if needed, several days prior to service date.

### **Resident/Tenant Preparations**

- Remove pets (including fish) and plants from the treatment area.
- Unlock and make accessible all storage chests, luggage and cabinets.
- Unplug all electronic devices including, but not limited to, clocks, televisions, entertainment systems, lamps, etc. plugged into wall sockets.
- De-energize and unplug computer systems.
- Remove pictures, mirrors, and ornaments from walls and refrigerator doors. Framed items should be placed on the floor and propped against the wall. Unframed pictures should be placed in photo albums or otherwise flattened and stored in envelopes as heat will curl loose photos.

- Remove storage bags and containers from all closets. Hanging clothes should be left in closets.
- Remove all bed linens, bed spreads and dust ruffles from mattresses and box springs. These may be left in the room to be heated or laundered and brought back after the treatment.
- Remove from beds no-wet vinyl covers and any other plastic/vinyl enveloping bed springs, mattresses or other furniture.
- Remove all clothing or other fabric that are packed in boxes, storage bins, luggage or on closet shelves and place in a dryer on high setting for 15 minutes. These items can be folded and placed in large lightly sealed plastic bags and clearly marked CLEAN in large letters on a piece of tape or tag.
- Remove chocolate candy of any kind or place or place in the refrigerator.
- Remove all wax items including, but not limited to, candles, soap, crayons, etc. or place in the refrigerator.
- Remove carbonated beverages such as soda, beer, sparkling cider/wine or champagne from treatment area.
- Remove life support apparatus from treatment area.
- Remove pressurized aerosol cans from the treatment area.
- Remove oil or other expensive paintings and artwork from the treatment area.
- Remove all firearms and ammunition.
- Remove fire extinguishers.
- Remove musical instruments. Leave instrument cases in the treatment area.
- Remove valuable or irreplaceable items such as old photographs, heirlooms and expensive jewelry from the service area.
- Your technician will be able to determine whether other items that can be sensitive to high temperatures up to 150F may need to be removed.