



What to do when you have Bed Bugs?

You've found out you have Bed Bugs, and now you need to figure out what to do. You need to contact a Pest Control Company that understands bed bugs and how to eliminate them, which may not be as simple as it may seem. Bed Bugs are very good at surviving, and if you do attempt to treat the bed bugs yourself, keep in mind that many pesticides will kill some bed bugs but the majority of the population may be resistant to the pesticide you purchase. By contacting a reputable Pest Control Company, like Green Giant, you can get your Bed Bug Control program started A.S.A.P.

Is there anything I can do until the Pest Control Company does the treatment?

YES! There are several things you can do that will make life better until the bed bugs are treated.

What to do:

- Place all clothing, bedding, sheets, blankets, pillowcases and other washable fabric items in plastic garbage bags. These items need to be washed and dried at the highest temperature the fabrics can withstand. If it will not damage your items, use hot water and set the dryer on the hottest setting for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- Discard all of the trash bags in an outside trash can.

- Vacuum the carpets in all infested rooms to suck up as many bed bugs as possible. Immediately after vacuuming, place the vacuum cleaner bag (or contents of the canister) into a plastic trash bag and seal it closed.
- Purchase Bed Bug Proof Mattress Covers. Note: these are not typical mattress covers and usually need to be purchased from a pest control company – not a department store. These covers seal in all bed bugs and bed bug eggs that may be on the mattress as well as the box spring.

NOTE: DO NOT wash electrical components of the vacuum. Vacuums can become infested by bed bugs therefore, all replaceable parts, including filters, should be discarded after the vacuuming is completed.

What not to do:

- Don't move infested items around the house. For example, if you have a chair in the bedroom that has bed bugs, don't move it to the basement, it will only spread further.
- Don't sleep in a different room because that will also move the bed bugs to another part of your home.

These suggestions will not eliminate the bed bugs from your home but they can temporarily lower the population, and by lowering the population your life should be a little more comfortable until your Pest Control Company can perform the service to fully address the situation.

Contact **Pest Control by Green Giant** for more information.