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## Heat Treatment Preparation Checklist

Thank you for choosing FL Bed Bug Experts. We understand that bed bug infestations can quickly become a very stressful experience. We are committed to our customers and look forward to helping you become BED BUG FREE!

As part of our process, we will require your assistance to help properly prepare the location for your upcoming treatment. Bed bugs are extremely difficult to get rid of, especially if the location is not properly prepared. It is VERY IMPORTANT to follow the instructions thoroughly to complete the bed bug extermination service successfully.

The list of less heat-tolerant items below are required to be removed from the treatment location. The following precautions are suggested in order to protect items of a more delicate nature. Place these items in the refrigerator or out of treatment area. Typically the garage is a safe area to place these items, DO NOT place these items in boxes to remove as the boxes may become infested.

Please make the following preparations **BEFORE** our Thermal Remediation team arrives. Please feel free to ask us any questions.

### 1. PLEASE REMOVE ALL ITEMS IN THIS LIST:

- **PEOPLE, PLANTS and ANIMALS (including fish and aquariums)**
- Candles, wax, crayons, lipstick, cosmetics, and other products that may melt
- Medicine and vitamins
- **Aerosol cans** (hairspray, insect repellent, asthma inhalers, cleaning products, etc.)
- **Compressed gases, flammable or combustible chemicals including gasoline, propane, butane, cigarette lighters, lighter fluid/fuel, gun powder, black powder, lamp fuel, oxygen tanks, fire extinguishers, etc.**
- **Firearms and ammunition**
- Oil paintings and acrylic paintings
- Fresh fruit and vegetables, chocolates, carbonated beverages, wines, liquors
- Antique furniture with finish or fragile glue points
- Musical instruments and collectibles may be heat sensitive, such as guitars (please leave cases)
- Pearl jewelry
- Blinds may become compromised from heat exposure
- Any items of value that cannot tolerate heat in excess of 130 degrees F

### 2. PLEASE FOLLOW PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

- Unplug **ALL** electronics except stove, refrigerator, microwave, and washer/dryer.
- Remove lampshades from lamps and stack on floor (to prevent them from blowing over).
- Drawers and linen closets should be loosely filled (not packed tight).
- Remove all items off of floors in closets.
- Leave clothes hanging in closets. If possible, space clothes apart to help with heat distribution.
- Drain water beds. Deflate air beds.
- Have a spare set of clothing for day of treatment. Dry on high heat for 45 min and place in a sealed plastic bag.

#### **AFTER CARE INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. After the thermal remediation treatment, the treated area will be warm. Items may have been moved around to evenly distribute the heat. You may cool the area down as needed by opening windows and use of fans. AC may be turned on after the thermostat reaches a safe temperature of under **98 degrees**. This is to prevent condensation from appearing on your ceilings and damage to the AC unit.
2. Please make sure to dry ALL clothes worn on the treatment day on high heat for at least 45 minutes when re-entering premises.

**NOTE: Bed bugs can take up to two weeks to fully die off after a heat treatment.** While most bugs will die immediately, don't be alarmed if you find a couple of live bugs after the treatment. Please capture any bugs you find. In addition, bed bug bites can appear up to two weeks after being bit, don't worry about any new bites for the first two weeks following treatment.