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Room Preparation Checklist for Bed Bugs

Preparation of a room for treatment is essential to the successful management of bed bugs. Most pest managers prefer to conduct an inspection **BEFORE** any cleaning or rearranging has occurred. This gives the pest manager a sense of the full extent of the problem and prevents the disturbance and spread of bed bugs before treatment. However, once bed bugs are located and the size of the problem has been estimated, room preparation must be done, and usually by the resident.

- ✓ Remove all blankets, sheets, covers, pillows, bath towels, drapes and curtains from the bed and throughout the room. Place the items into bags, which will be taken to the laundry.
- ✓ Empty drawers and closets and place belongings into plastic bags. Place all clothing and coats into bags for transport to the laundry. Shoes, pillows, and children's plush toys should be bagged for the laundry.
- ✓ Make sure the pest control professional can get to all furniture, closets, beds, and baseboards to inspect and treat. Dust covers maybe removed from furniture to treat.