

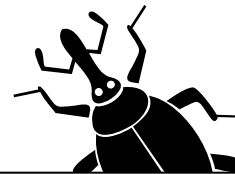
BED BUG AREA TREATMENT PROGRAM

ABOUT BED BUGS

- Bed Bugs food source – Blood Meal (Human or Animal Blood)
- Time of greatest activity – They are nocturnal insects.
- Hiding Places- Tufts of mattresses, cuffs and pleats of draperies, behind baseboards, wallpaper and in walls and where the carpeting meets with the walls.
- Insect Size – Adults are about ¼ inch in length and flat. Babies are the size of a poppy seed. Bed bugs can lay dormant for up to six months.

TREATMENT

In treating for bed bugs, the first thing to know is you are *not just treating the mattress* and box spring - *you are treating the entire room*. Nothing should be removed from the infested areas without first being treated and/or double bagged. **Repeated treatments may be required.**



Housekeeping and Maintenance Staff – The personnel or department selected for this job should be the same team that will treat all areas when the bedbug infestations show up in the facility. Thoroughness and a detail-oriented staff are essential. Make sure the staff checks/cleans themselves - pant cuffs, socks, shoes and shoe soles before exiting the room.

Drapes – Spray using mist spray pattern with Triple S Double Action Crack & Crevice. Spray in place, after drapes have dried, take down and double bag to be sent out for steam pressing. Check for color fastness in inconspicuous area of the drapes before applying.

Rugs – Stream spray Triple S Double Action Crack & Crevice into all crevices around the room especially by the hallway to prevent the bugs from crawling out of the infected room. Mist spray the carpeting thoroughly to cover all the areas. An insecticide fogger may also be used in addition to the Triple S Double Action Crack & Crevice.

Applying Triple S Double Action Crack & Crevice – A unique feature of Triple S Double Action Crack & Crevice is the ability to spray in a stream spray or mist spray pattern. Both will be needed to treat a bedbug infestation.

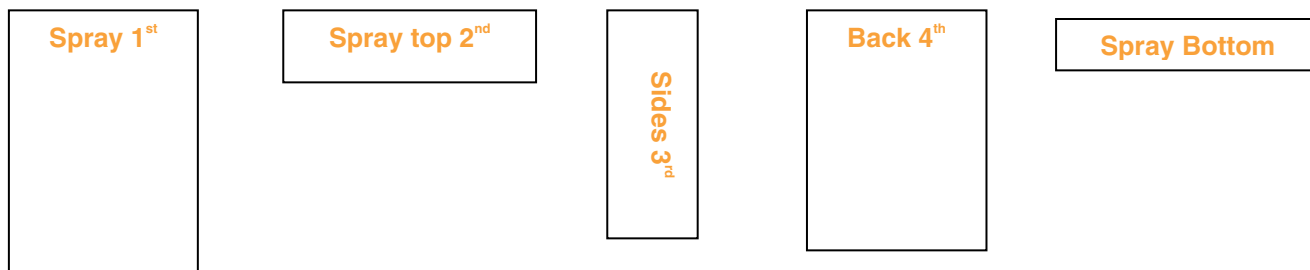
Linens – Linens should be double bagged (in the room) and tied shut. The bags should be washed separately and the bags emptied directly in the washing machines (*bag all trash bags seal and dispose of to an external dumpster*) do not mix with the rest of the hotel laundry. The linens should be washed in high heat cycled for a minimum of 20 minutes – the longer the better (it is the heat of 120 degrees that will kill the bed bugs not the water). Dryer's heat setting to high heat will kill all stages of bedbugs.

Vacuuming – A vacuum with both a *beater bar and crevice tool with a disposable dirt bag will be required*. A thorough vacuuming of the room including the mattress, box spring and removing all drawers from any furniture in the room before the extermination process starts. Using crevice tool, vacuum all seam areas on the mattress, box spring and on the floor. Pull all the furniture away from the walls and use crevice tool to vacuum the area where the rug meets the wall. *Dispose of vacuum bags after every use. Double bag and seal and remove to an external dumpster. Invert vacuum and spray beater bar and crevice tool with Triple S Double Action Crack & Crevice.*

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Mattress – The mattress is to be sprayed in a mist pattern. After thoroughly vacuuming, stand mattress on its end the long way against a wall. Mist down the flat mattress area and continue to cover the seam areas. Start at the top of the mattress and follow the graphic below. Pillow top mattresses: the pillow top should be pulled up to allow spray to get into that area.



Let the mattress air-dry by turning the mattress to expose all sides to the air during the drying period. The same procedures should be followed for the box spring. If the facility wants to remove the mattress and box spring from the room, it should be treated in place first and then removed. Any mattress and box spring should be bagged and sealed before leaving the room. Mattress bags are available from mattress supply companies in various sizes. If the facility wants to dispose of the mattress, it should be marked appropriately so dumpster divers won't salvage the mattress and use it. A mattress cover can be used when returning the room to service.

Sofas – Vacuum all the crevices underneath webbing and bottom coverings carefully with a crevice tool. Leather sofas are to be vacuumed carefully. Do not spray a leather sofa directly. Let room and furnishings air dry overnight. Open windows if possible and repeat if necessary.

Furniture – All drawers should be removed, including the inside drawer cavities, bottom and backs of the furniture sprayed.

