Preparation Guidelines for Bedbug Treatment:

The level of preparation involved depends on the level of bed bug activity, below are general guidelines, at the time of initial service your technician may require additional preparation and steps be made in advance of the follow up visit.

Do not move to another room to avoid being bitten as you will only spread the problem. Do not move items to other rooms or remove picture frames from walls prior to treatment. Mattress & box spring encasements are required and can be ordered directly from Standard. Reduce overall clutter and unused items as much as possible, especially cardboard items and any storage under or adjacent to sleeping areas.

1. Perform a general vacuuming of all areas paying special attention to moldings, cracks and crevices then bag and discard the vacuum bag outside the building.

2. Please move furniture, stored items and belongings away from walls to allow for proper access, outlet covers should be removed prior to service. Please secure valuables and fragile items prior to service. Have night table drawers removed and emptied for inspection and or treatment.

3. Captain’s beds drawers must be emptied directly into clear plastic bags and sealed as beds will need to be turned over with drawers removed for treatment. Please note that on occasion older pullout couches do not close properly and we cannot be responsible for this. Muslin under box springs and couches may be removed to gain access for treatment. This will not damage them as it is only there for aesthetics.

4. If you have seen Bedbugs on items or canines have alerted to Bedbugs in draws, closets etc. Please remove items and bag then for treatment in dryer. We recommend the use of sturdy clear bags for bed bug prep.

5. Bed, clothes & linens must be dried at high temperatures 140° for 30 minutes. Any items not dried at that time must be sealed in plastic bags and addressed prior to use. Laundry bag must be dried, if you use plastic remember to use a new bag following dryer. Do not store items under bed.

6. Stuffed animals or children’s toys which are not to be discarded must be bagged before service, toys should be washed in hot water and stuffed animals dried as above.

7. If items such as books, albums etc. are suspect they should be inspected or bagged for further inspection and self-treatment. The use of PackTite units, are recommended. Check suitcases and backpacks.

8. Upon arrival inform Bedbug technician where bed bugs were found and about any recent acquisitions, guests or bed bug issues with household members, nannies, domestics or health aids.

All people and all pets must be out of the unit at the time of service and for a minimum of two hours following. Upon return vent apartment for 30 minutes before re-entry. Wash food preparation areas such as counter tops as a general precaution before use. Following treatment some dust may have migrated if so please gently remove it with a damp paper towel and discard.

REMEMBER: Chemical treatment alone will not solve a bed bug issue, you must be a part of the solution by following the above and any other recommendations, following treatment openings for wiring, radiators, HVACs or gaps along molding should be sealed with a sealant. Continue to vacuum on a weekly basis. Following service you may notice some bed bug activity, this is normal. Please don’t stay away from home following treatment as this will disrupt the control cycle, yes we rely on you to lure the bed bugs to treated areas and traps.