

Preparation for Residential Flea Service & Overview

For the best chance of first time success when having a flea treatment performed and for the safety, comfort, and health of all concerned, the following should be observed.

All may not apply to your specific situation. If you have any questions please just let us know.

- As soon as practical prior to treating the home for fleas all carpeting, flooring, upholster, and mattresses should be thoroughly vacuumed. Use a clean vacuum cleaner bag to obtain the best suction. Dispose of the bag by sealing it tightly in a heavy plastic trash bag and placing it in a trash can outside of the house. For extra control, place a piece of an over the counter flea collar on the inside of the vacuum bag to kill any live fleas caught in the bag.
- All sheets, blankets, and other bedding should be washed in detergent and the hottest water the fabrics can tolerate. Clothing, throw-rugs, and other textiles on or close to the floors should also be washed or dry-cleaned. Since you will need to be out of your home for a few hours following the flea treatment we recommend you use this time to take these items to a Laundromat for cleaning.
- Make sure the floor, furnishing, and trim are as accessible as possible for the pest control technician. This may mean placing smaller pieces of furniture on top of larger pieces.
- In all cases when a pet is present in the home the pet should receive a flea treatment by a veterinarian or other qualified animal-health professional. This treatment should be performed at the same time that your home is being treated. Your veterinarian may also wish to prescribe one of several long-term flea control medications for your pet.
- Before the treatment can be done the homeowner must pick up loose items off the flooring as if they were prepping for a carpet cleaning. If this is not done the technician will not be able to perform the service.
- It will be necessary for the homeowner to remain out of the home during the treatment and for 4 hours afterwards, (until the product is thoroughly dry). Again, we recommend this time be used to take larger items to the Laundromat for cleaning.

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The following is a brief description of how your home will be treated and the materials that will be used:

- The first is a water based, Adulticide that is applied to the carpeting, flooring, and other likely areas where adult fleas will be harboring.
- Growth-regulator is used because it is designed to give more long term control. It inhibits the development and reproduction of larval fleas. This material is mixed in with the water based Adulticide that is applied to the flooring.
- Please keep in mind full control will take 5-7 days and there may be a "Re-hatch" of non-biting growth interrupted fleas, this is a completely normal part of the service.

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