

# Flea Service Preparation Guide

The following steps are designed to foster effective elimination:

- Wash all pet bedding in hot water, or destroy it. Point out all areas inside and outside where pets normally rest to your technician.
- Vacuum all carpeting and mop wood and tile floors, including along walls and inside closets.
- Vacuum furniture, especially between and under cushions, and under furniture itself.
- Close the vacuum bag tightly, and dispose of it in a trash container outside your home. For vacuums with reusable containers, empty it in outside trash, then wash thoroughly in hot water.
- Remove pets, and have them treated for fleas at the time of treatment. This is crucial, so that the pets do not re-infest the home, or vice versa.
- Cover fish tanks with wet towels, and turn off pumps, until returning to your home.
- Pick up: pet food bowls, toys, and other items around the house, in closets, and under beds.
- Strip all bed linens from any beds pets lounge on, and wash them in hot water.
- Remove all caged pets (birds, reptiles, hamsters, etc) from the home before service is rendered, and until the vacate time has passed.
- Be prepared to vacate the premises to allow insecticide treatment to dry, this is usually 4 hours.
- Leave a few windows open to properly ventilate your home, and to help the drying process.
- Vacuum lightly for 14-21 days to help the fleas move along in their life cycle more expediently.
- A follow up treatment identical to the first treatment will be scheduled and provided 14-21 days after the first treatment as a standard practice in flea elimination.
- If your exterior was also treated, make sure you also keep your lawn cut short.
- Vacuuming the carpet can help to remove the eggs that drop there from fleas on the pet. Vacuuming will remove a few larvae as well as the debris that the larvae eat. Vacuuming will also cause the adult fleas to come out of their cocoons while the carpet treatment is fresh and effective. It is normal to see fleas for a couple of weeks after the treatment. Make sure you remove and discard the bag from the vacuum cleaner in the manner described above every time you do this, discarding the bag outside the home.