

# Unipest Heat Treatment Prep Sheet <sup>1</sup>

Your home is scheduled for a Unipest heat treatment. Hot air will be introduced to your home and the interior temperature raised to approx. 140 degrees F (60 degrees C). This temperature will kill bed bugs and their eggs, cockroaches as well as other insects. In order to ensure a successful treatment, you will need to perform the following preparation steps: **[NOTE: items in BOLD need to be followed closely]**.

## GENERAL

- \_\_\_\_\_ DO NOT REMOVE ANY ITEMS FROM THE TREATMENT AREA UNLESS PERMANENTLY DISPOSING OF THEM OR LAUNDERING THEM ELSEWHERE AT HIGH HEAT (120+ degrees fahrenheit). BEDBUGS CAN EASILY “LATCH ON” TO THESE ITEMS AND BE REINTRODUCED INTO THE TREATMENT AREA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Do not use any pesticide bombs, foggers, sprays, dusts prior to heat treatment. Repellent insecticides severely diminish the effectiveness of the treatment effort by driving bed bugs in to hard to treat areas such as under carpet pads and wall voids**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Large Ducts and Equipment will be moved in and around your house. Please remove or secure any items that can be knocked over, damaged, stepped on, or damaged by our technicians attempting to move equipment around structure.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do not remove any thing from treatment area except for items in sealed garbage to be permanently removed.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Furniture and clutter must be pulled away from walls at least 24 inches to allow room for air movers and industrial fans for heat treatment.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unplug all electronics except major appliances.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any items (clothing, shoes, bags, valuables) taken out with occupant on day off heat treatment must be thoroughly inspected and/or sanitized before being reintroduced to treated area.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Permanently dispose of all trash and unwanted items before treatment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completely remove litter boxes from the treatment area if present
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vacuum or sweep up dust/pet hair as they are hazardous to our equipment and personnel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improperly secured pictures and posters that may blow down should be taken down and laid flat.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take down, disinfect and remove vinyl or faux wood blinds have a low heat tolerance.
- \_\_\_\_\_ High power fans are used during this process; loose papers should be secured or weighted down. *Heat sensitive items should be clearly labeled and left inside.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove all pets and house plants (including fish aquariums).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove fresh, meltable, and or perishable food
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove or place prescriptions/drugs or vitamins in the refrigerator
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove cosmetics and candles
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Remove all pressurized items – lighters, hairspray, fire extinguishers etc.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove all flammables – fuel, alcohols, solvents, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Remove wooden and stringed instruments – cases should remain in room
- \_\_\_\_\_ Family heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected and a determination made as to whether they should remain in the treatment area

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## CLOTHING

- \_\_\_\_\_ Bed bugs will often seek shelter within or under piles of clothing. Piles of clothing should be either hung up on hangers or spread out before the heat treatment commences or placed in durable plastic laundry bins.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Wash bedding and washable excess clutter on high heat followed with a high heat dry cycle. After drying, remove and immediately place the clothing in a heavy duty garbage bag and seal the bag by twisting the excess bag and wrapping the twist with tape. Think "Loaf of Bread"
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Open all drawers and unpack any overly packed areas allowing easy airflow
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Large blankets and comforters can be draped over interior doors to limit bed bug harborage and improve effectiveness.
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ **Do not use cardboard as a container for heat sensitive items, instead crates, bins or grocery bags are ideal.**
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ **Air flow is critical to this process, over-packed closets and rooms may not be able to be treated properly!**

## CLUTTER

\_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE: Clothing in closets can be left** as long as it is not tightly packed. We actually recommend having the clothing hanging so the hot air can penetrate through and kill the bugs and eggs. **Clothing and clutter in the bottom of closets must be cleaned out.** These are areas the pests hide and help the heat penetrate into these areas as clothing and clutter absorb heat slowly.

## ADDITIONAL

\_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE: If unit or structure is not prepared according to this preparation sheet and the job cannot be done, a \$400.00 charge will be applied and the job will be rescheduled at our schedule.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NOTE: During the time required to heat your structure, the potential for damage to furnishings and fixtures is practically non-existent. Unipest assumes no responsibility for ThermaFoil or PVC Banded cabinets.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **If you are unsure as to whether or not an item may be damaged by heat, please consult one of our technicians or call 661-284-7575 and ask before the workers arrive. All vinyl blinds need to be removed. Computers and Laptops can be left in the unit but tell the techs. Unplug all electronics.**

In order to insure air flow and heat penetration, our technicians may stand mattresses and box springs on end, move furniture away from the walls, remove items from closets, tip sofas and couches, remove cushions etc. This may result in dirt and dust being disturbed. When possible we will return items as close as possible to their original location, however OFTEN TO EXPOSE ADDITIONAL SURFACE AREA,

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MATTRESSES, PERSONAL ITEMS, AND FURNITURE WILL BE LEFT OUT OF PLACE. We will not vacuum and clean after the treatment.

As our technicians will be moving tables and dressers for access, ornaments and items on tables, dressers, window sills, etc. should be boxed. The boxes can be left in the room or on top of the furniture. Do not box items tightly as again, air flow is required for heat penetration. Fans are placed to circulate the hot air and any loose papers will be blown about. Papers should be placed in open boxes and loosely packed. **NOTE: DO NOT USE CARDBOARD. Cardboard is an ideal hotel for bed bugs. Remove all cardboard just to eliminate a great hiding place for bed bugs. Also, if the heat cannot penetrate through the box, the bug can survive. A great alternative to cardboard is a "plastic tote" as the bugs cannot climb into these or can be trapped inside them if something is placed in them with pests on it.** If you have a storage locker/closet in your apartment, please ensure it is not tightly packed. In order for the heat to kill the bugs, the hot air must flow around items.

On the day of treatment, please have a freshly washed and bagged set of clothing as per the above instructions for each resident to don when leaving the premises. The clothing from the night before can be left in the bedrooms. Spread this clothing out and the heat will treat it. If you don't want to leave this clothing out, place it in a garbage bag and seal it. Wash the clothing as per the above instructions when you return.

\_\_\_\_\_ It is the owner's responsibility to notify Unipest of the presence of fire sprinklers, heat sensors, alarm systems, vinyl wallpapers, vinyl windows, self-stick floor tile and any other items that may be damaged by heat.

## SIGNATURES:

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand ALL POINTS of this preparation sheet and agree to prepare the treatment area as prescribed above.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand the risks involved in a heat treatment and release unipest of liability for any damage to personal items, property, or persons during the treatment.

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ I understand Unipest offers no heat retreatment guarantee as new bed bugs may be introduced into the heat treated area following a successful treatment. As a courtesy, a limited liquid treatment guarantee is offered for 10 days after treatment.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_