

CARPET BEETLES: PRE-TREATMENT PREPARATION

The following is to be completed before scheduling treatment

Please read all of the following information prior to the treatment day. Once all of the areas to be treated are properly prepared, call our office at 212-714-0848 to schedule you treatment.

PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL

For the best results, all clothing and linens, including towels and any garments not stored in sealed containers should be washed in hot soapy water.

Make all baseboard areas accessible by moving light furniture or stored items away from the walls at least one or two feet wherever possible. Large, hard to move furniture pieces such as book cases, can remain in place as can most tables and other furniture with easy access underneath.

Remove as many items as possible off of wool carpets or rugs. We will need to treat both sides of any area rugs.

Empty out all closets of shoes, clothes, hangers, stored items, etc. Place items from closets in a non-treatment area. Remove dresser drawers from dressers if insect is noted in these areas. Remove clothes from the drawers and make drawers accessible for treatment. Remove items from any other clothing storage area as well if area is to be treated (if insect noted in area or if treatment desired in area).

Make undersides of sinks in kitchens and in bathrooms accessible. Carefully inspect food storage areas for signs of insect infestation. If found, remove all items from shelves and cabinets in food storage areas. Remove food items from direct treatment area and cover with a sheet or tarp. Clean cabinets prior to treatment.

Clean area under clothes washer and drier as carpet beetles will nest in lint. Make crawlspace and attic areas accessible to technician. Let technician know if you have ever had any rodent or bird infestations. Point out any antique furniture containing animal hair or wool.

DURING THE TREATMENT

Turn off any aquariums or aerators during treatment. People and pets should not be present during the treatment and for four hours afterwards.

AFTER THE TREATMENT

Do not re-enter the premises before the four hour wait time. Do not contact treated surfaces until they are completely dry. Open doors and windows to ventilate for at least 30 minutes.

Wipe down any food preparation surfaces such as counter tops, cutting boards or table tops with soapy water. Do not clean or wipe down shelves or cupboards after treatment. Place any returning dishes bottom side down. Do not place open food directly on treated surfaces.

Turn any aquariums or aerators back on.

The carpet beetle life cycle takes up to one year to complete. You may continue to see some carpet beetles. An ongoing service program for this insect is common due to its long life and serious damage it can cause to wool clothing, carpets and leather.