

Protocol for Moving Residents

1. Before packing, wash and dry all fabric items on the hottest recommended setting and then seal them in plastic bags labeled “clean” to prevent re-infestation. If the items are already clean and do not require washing, place them in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes and seal in plastic bags.
2. All furniture that is being moved to the new location should be thoroughly cleaned with warm, soapy water and treated by a pest management professional before it is moved.
3. If you decide to throw away any bed bug infested items, wrap them in plastic and clearly paint or write “bed bugs” on them. This should prevent anyone else from picking these items up and spreading the infestation.
4. Items that can't be sanitized in a washer and dryer, such as electronics, appliances, books, etc., should be placed in plastic bags or plastic bins with tight fitting lids and treated with dichlorvos pest strips according to label instructions. This may have to be coordinated with the pest control company.
5. All plastic bins, laundry basket, or other solid items that do not have joints, seams, cracks or crevices, should be carefully inspected for bed bugs and washed with warm, soapy water before being moved.
6. On moving day each person should shower and change into clean clothing and shoes. Any clothing that was worn prior to showering should be put in plastic bags and sealed until they can be laundered.
7. After moving, you must be sure that your belongings are bed bug free or your new location will become infested as well. Wash any items not labeled “clean” before you put them away or use them. Do not open bags or containers being treated with pest strips until indicated by the product label or by the pest control professional. Failure to follow all instructions can result in infestation of the new unit.