

Customer Preparation Guide for Flea Treatment

Overview

Fleas can be a persistent problem that affects both pets and people. Proper preparation before professional treatment is essential to ensure effective eradication. This guide outlines what you need to do before, during, and after a flea treatment to maximize success.

Before the Treatment

1. Clean and Vacuum Thoroughly

- Vacuum all carpeted areas, rugs, upholstered furniture, and pet bedding.
- Be sure to vacuum along baseboards, under furniture, and in hard-to-reach areas.
- Dispose of the vacuum bag or empty the canister in a sealed plastic bag and place it in an outdoor trash bin.

2. Wash Affected Items

- Wash all pet bedding, throw rugs, and washable linens in hot water and dry on high heat.
- Consider discarding heavily infested or worn items.

3. Prepare the Home

- Remove all small items from floors, under beds, and inside closets.
- Move furniture away from walls to allow access to baseboards.
- Cover or store exposed food and utensils.

4. Treat Pets

- Ensure all pets are treated with veterinarian-approved flea control products **on the day of service if available**.
- Remove pets from the premises during treatment and keep them out for at least 2–4 hours.

During the Treatment

- Technicians will apply insect growth regulators and residual insecticides to infested areas.
- Do not enter the home until the recommended re-entry time has passed (typically 2–4 hours).
- Do not clean treated surfaces for at least 2 weeks to allow residual products to work.

After the Treatment

1. Expect Flea Activity

- You may see fleas for up to 2 weeks as they emerge from eggs and come into contact with the treatment.
- This is a normal part of the treatment process.

2. Continue Vacuuming

- Vacuum daily for at least 10–14 days to help remove flea eggs and stimulate fleas to come into contact with the insecticide.
- Dispose of vacuum contents immediately after each session.

3. Monitor Pets

- Continue using flea control products on your pets as directed by your veterinarian.
- Bathe and groom pets regularly to remove fleas and soothe irritated skin.

4. Follow-Up Visits

- A follow-up treatment may be recommended 2–3 weeks after the initial service.
- Let our office know if you continue to notice flea activity beyond this period.

Additional Tips

- Fleas reproduce rapidly; consistent cleaning and pet treatment are essential.
- Limit pet access to untreated or reinfested areas.
- Inform your technician of any ongoing concerns.