

Pre-Treatment for Flea Infestation

To control flea infestations it is necessary to follow the pre-treatment steps listed here so your home will be prepared for treatment when the technician arrives. If applicable, cut the grass prior to treatment. Our flea treatments consist of 3 services. Please allow 21 days for the treatment to reach its maximum effectiveness. There can be any number of fleas going through various stages of their life cycle at any given time. If there is a problem after 21 days, please give our office a call & we'll be happy to help.

- To start, consult with your veterinarian regarding the proper flea shampoo and/or flea collar to use on your pet. It is very important to treat pets at the same time so their not continuing to spread fleas one to the other
- Wash all the pet's bedding and inform our pest control technician of the indoor and outdoor areas where your pets normally rest.
- Vacuum all carpeting and mop wood and tile floors, including along the walls and inside
 closets. When done vacuuming put a small amount of flea powder on the floor and vacuum it
 up to kill the fleas inside the bag or container.
- Vacuum under furniture, between and under cushions.
- Vacuum cleaner bags should be closed tightly and disposed of in an outdoor trash
 receptacle. If using a vacuum with a canister, take it outside and empty contents into a bag,
 tie it tightly and discard. Wash the reusable canister with hot water. Remember, when you're

- done vacuuming, put a small amount of flea powder on the floor and vacuum it up to kill the fleas inside the bag or container.
- Cover fish tanks with wet towels and turn off pumps until reoccupying the home.
- Pick up all pet food bowls, pet toys, children's toys and other items off the floor as well as the
 yard if the exterior is being treated. This includes picking up items from floors inside closets
 and under beds and inside kennels and outdoor pet houses.
- Strip all bed linens from any beds where the pets rest or lounge and wash in hot water.
- Cover and store any open food products, dishes or utensils before service is rendered.
- Remove all caged pets from your home (birds, reptiles, hamsters, etc.) before service is rendered and until the waiting period of at least 4 hours has elapsed.
- Be prepared to leave your home or apartment during treatment. Stay out of the house for a period of at least 4 hours.
- Babies and children 5 and under should stay out of the home for at least 12 hours. Be sure when you return to safely crack windows just enough to ventilate the home.

Post Treatment Steps

- Vacuum lightly for 14 days and be sure to vacuum up a little bit of flea powder.
- Vacuuming daily will get the fleas through their life cycle more quickly due to the vibration and making them more susceptible to the insecticide.
- 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.
- Be sure to keep your lawn cut short.