

*Good Night. Sleep Tight.*

# Don't Let Them Bite



**Stride**  
PEST CONTROL



**Comprehensive  
Bedbug  
Management**



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## Live Free of Stress Associated With Bedbugs

Are you being driven from your bedroom or home by Bedbugs? These little pests are prolific and are nearly impossible to get rid of on your own. They can live without food for nearly a year and thrive in temperatures from a chilly 33°F to an extremely hot 120°F.

Bedbugs sole food is blood from a warm blooded organism – typically human. The common bedbug is nocturnal in habit, taking blood meals at night and remaining hidden during the day. Bedbugs are attracted to their hosts primarily by carbon dioxide, secondarily by warmth, and also by certain chemicals in your skin.



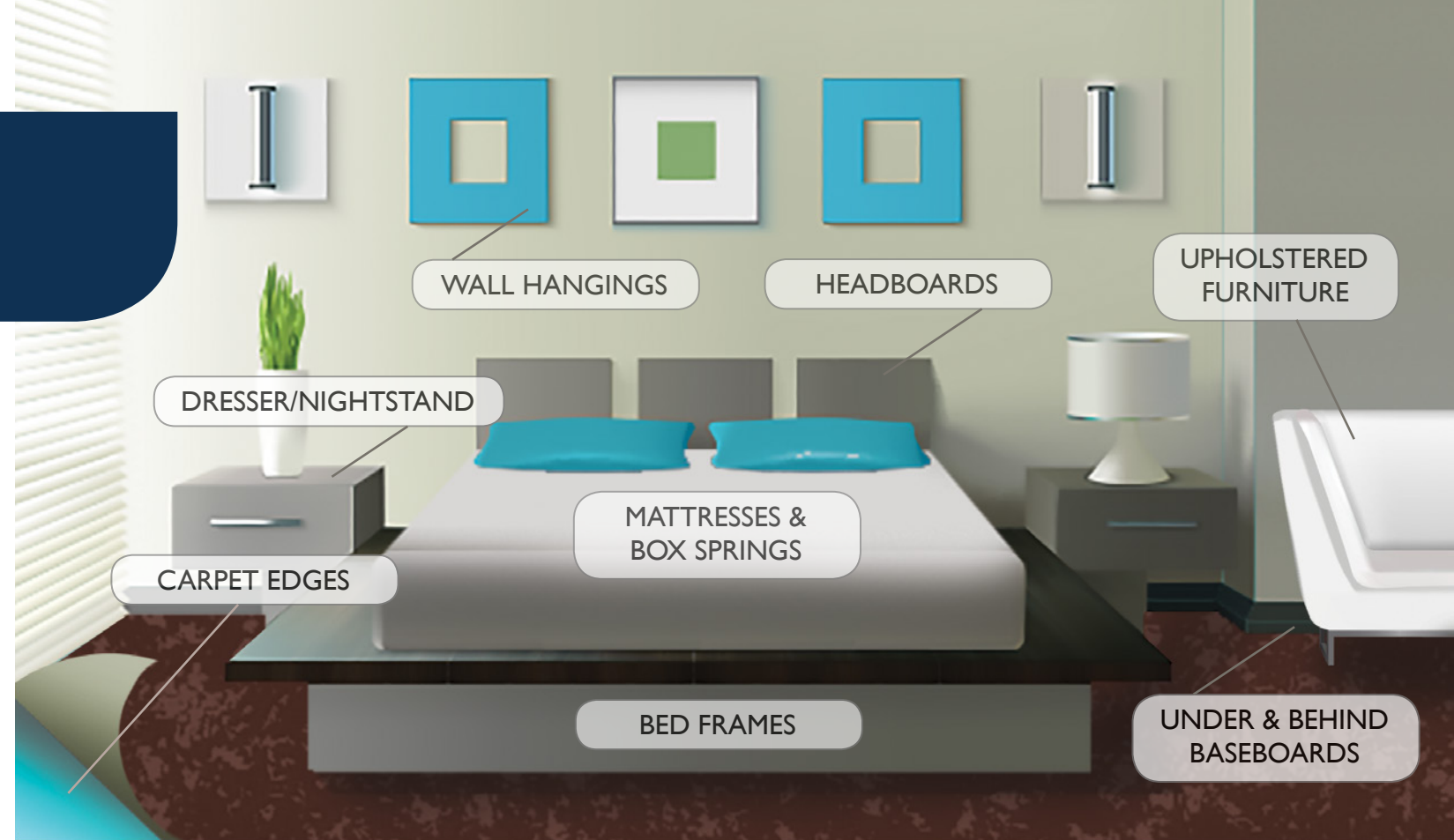
Bedbug bites are not known to transmit any infectious disease, however, their bites can result in a number of health effects including skin rashes and allergic symptoms.



Bedbug bites usually come in threes. Symptoms may take between minutes to days to appear. Itchiness is common, while some may feel tired or have a fever.



Bedbugs will feed on cats and dogs as well as humans, Their bites can cause anemia, itchiness, allergic reactions, discomfort, sleeplessness, and stress.



After our inspection, we have confirmed that you have bedbugs in the following bedbug hot spots:

- Mattresses
- Box Springs
- Bed Frames
- Headboards
- Upholstered Furniture
- Carpet Edges
- Wall Hangings
- Under/Behind Baseboards
- Dresser/Nightstand/Furnishings

### Did You Know?

- Bedbugs only feed every five to seven days.
- The bedbug has glands on its body that secrete an odorous oily material. A room heavily infested will usually have a characteristic odor.
- Bedbugs shed their skin at each stage of life, discarding their outer exoskeleton.
- Bedbugs may be mistaken for other insects, such as booklice, small cockroaches, or carpet beetles; however, when warm and active, their movements are more ant-like.
- Adult bedbugs are oval insects that are flattened and reddish brown in color. They are about the size of an apple seed.

### Technician Notes

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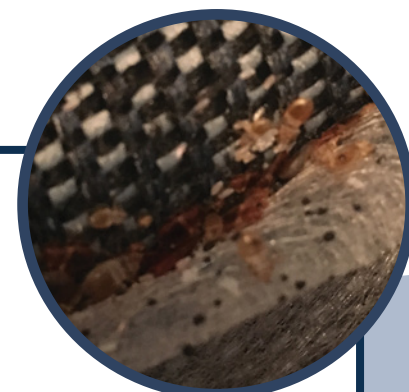
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### Early Detection Signs



Early detection of Bedbugs is critical to avoid a large area infestation. Common signs of infestation include:

- Shed or Cast Skins
- Fecal Deposits (dried excreted blood)
- Bedbug Carcasses
- Egg Deposits
- Live Bugs and Bites





# Before Your Treatment

## Preparation Requirements



The treating and extermination of bedbugs can be a difficult and complex procedure. Proper preparation is essential for your upcoming Bedbug treatment and will ensure the best results. Preparation includes everything from making your property and all treatment areas accessible, cleaning, and following post treatment recommendations given by your technician. We understand that preparations can be difficult for some to do in such a short time; seniors or disabled individuals may need additional assistance. In special cases, we offer preparation for a fee.

NOTE: Stride Pest Control will not perform treatment on any property or unit that has not met the following preparations. If we arrive for a scheduled treatment and the prep work is not completed, the client will be charged a trip fee.



### ✓ Laundry

All items that can be washed, dry cleaned or placed in a dryer need to be bagged up and sealed; this includes all things in dressers, closets, nightstands, hampers, and items like stuffed animals, curtains and pillows regardless of whether they are clean or not.

Items that can be washed should be emptied directly into the machine and washed with hot water. If items cannot be washed or a washing machine is not an option, place them in the dryer on the hottest setting. The dryer cycle is sufficient to kill 100% of eggs and eliminate future hatchings.

Once complete, place all laundry items in new, uncontaminated plastic trash bags, tied up and away from infested areas; preferably in the kitchen, bathroom, or garage.

Items needing dry cleaning should be bagged and the cleaners notified of a potential infestation. Cleaners may refuse to accept them.

### ✓ Non-Laundry Items

All non-laundry items must be looked over carefully for bedbugs. Infested items should be bagged and other items taken and placed in non-infested areas.

### ✓ Furniture

All furniture items must be pushed two feet away from the wall, allowing for inspection and treatment. The technician may advise that beds be disassembled with mattresses propped up against the wall. Please make arrangements if needed for help before the initial treatment.

Remove all plastics from bedding i.e. mattress, box spring, and etc.

### ✓ Pictures & Decor

All picture frames and wall decor needs to be removed from the walls and left in the area for inspection and treatment if necessary. In addition, all outlet fixtures and switch covers must be removed.

### ✓ Vacuuming

Once all areas have been cleared, vacuum up all visible Bedbugs, including the entire carpet, in closets, and beneath the furniture. Pay particular attention to harborage (breeding areas), baseboards, the undersides and cracks and crevices of beds and couches. Use a crevice attachment for best results. Vacuum bags should immediately be removed and placed within double plastic bags and then heavier duty bags for disposal. Though vacuuming does not solve the issue, it significantly reduces the population and needs to be done prior to treatment.







# Bedbug Treatment

## What to Expect Before and After Service



Off-the-shelf products have mixed and nearly universal poor results when fighting Bedbugs. Please don't use these products before or after our treatments.

Stride Pest Control's Bedbug Service comprises two visits; the initial treatment visit and a follow-up, inspection visit 10-14 days later.

## Treatment

Our certified technicians will treat the entire infected area with a specialized product designed to eliminate bedbugs without danger to you or your pets. Some of our products utilize a technically advanced, controlled release formula, and we ask that you and your pets refrain from entering the infected areas during the 10-14 day treatment period so as to allow the products to effectively do their job. This will also minimize the possibility of unintentionally spreading the infestation to other locations within the home or structure. If this is not an option, please consult your technician for other recourses available to you.

Treatment includes spraying on, in, and around furnishings, including mattresses, bed frames, baseboards, closets, dressers, etc. We will also dust the electrical outlets and wall voids with product.

Non laundry items that have been placed in contractor bags will be treated with controlled-release technology to slowly diffuse a deep penetrating vapor within the enclosed spaces. These bags must remain sealed and not moved for 10-14 days for best results.

We recommend that the room or infected area remain untouched until our second visit. Again, if this is not possible, please consult the technician for options available to you.

As a part of our service, we provide protective covers for mattresses and box springs that were within the infected area.



**We also treat Retail, Office, and Commercial Spaces.**

## Follow-up & Inspection

To insure that the treatment has been effective, we schedule a follow-up inspection visit 10-14 days after the initial service. During this visit we will inspect the treated area and apply further treatment if needed.

## Warranty & Moving Forward

Our comprehensive bedbug management services come with a one month warranty. This warranty begins once the technician declares the infestation cleared. We recommend our general pest control service to help prevent bedbugs in the future. Keeping your home or building free of bedbugs works best when we work together. Through our Stride Forward Program™ we offer clients suggestions on things they can do to ensure that they continue to enjoy an environment free of bedbugs.

Most bedbugs are brought back as the result of travel. The following steps can help mitigate that possibility:

1. When sleeping in hotels or someone else's home, make a cursory inspection of the room and bed.
2. Contrary to common belief, bedbugs are large enough to see. Because of their nocturnal habits, however, you may have to look for other signs that they are present. Review the Early Detection Signs on page 2 of this brochure to learn what you should look for.
3. You may also visit [bedbugregistry.com](http://bedbugregistry.com) before you travel. The Bedbug Registry is a free, public database of user-submitted Bedbug reports from across the United States and Canada. Type in your hotel destination and any recent reports will pop up.
4. If you find that you have slept with bedbugs, follow the Laundry instructions provided on page 3 of this brochure before you bring your clothes and suitcase into your home or office.



## Stride Treatment Appointment

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

## Follow-up Appointment

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

### Services Offered by Stride

- General Pest Control
- Termite Control
- Rodent Control
- Mosquito Control
- Flea/Tick/Chigger Control
- Bedbug Control

Stride Pest Control is an extermination company that services the Greater Austin area. Established in 2012, Stride uses only the best products, application methods, and safety protocols in the industry. While experts at what they do, Stride Pest Control is more about quality and customer relationships than just killing bugs. Stride Pest Control – The best possible service in the nicest possible way.



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