

## THERMAL FACT/PREP SHEET

**TO OUR FUTURE CLIENT OR BUILDING TENANT, PLEASE READ PRIOR TO TREATMENT.**

### Some Facts

- ⌘ A3 has been providing heat treatments to private homes, businesses, long term care and medical facilities, offices and more for over five years. We are the most experienced and trustworthy company in the business. We warranty all our work and assure your satisfaction. When it comes to heat EXPERIENCE counts!
- ⌘ Heat kills all stages of bed bugs; this is egg, nymph and adult. This makes it one of the most effective and efficient methods for eliminating bed bugs.
- ⌘ In early infestations heat is 95% effective in eliminating bed bugs in ONE treatment. This means you go from having bed bugs today to being bed bug free tomorrow. With stubborn infestations and those that have been treated chemically and with Cryonite numerous times the job is more difficult but our success rate is still above 90% first time out!
- ⌘ In comparing chemical treatment versus heat treatment initial cost may appear higher until you take into account dry cleaning costs, rug cleaning, preparation time, personal time etc.
- ⌘ With Heat Treatments you do not have to be the bait as with chemical applications.
- ⌘ Bed bugs start to expire at 115 degrees. We heat your unit at 135-145 degrees for 3-5 hours depending on wall construction, clutter levels, length of infestation etc.
- ⌘ Eggs will become non-viable in 10 minutes at 131 degrees or in 45 minutes at 125 degrees..
- ⌘ Expect to be out of your home for at least 8 hours for most treatments. Larger residences or those that have a lot of clutter increase cook time.
- ⌘ Electronics, furniture, fabrics, upholstered and other tough to treat items are easily and safely treated with heat.
- ⌘ Reduction of heavy clutter is helpful in reducing time on site and provides better results. Length of the heating process can be adjusted to compensate for units with a lot of items.
- ⌘ Clothing must be put through the drier for 40 minutes minimum or placed on hangers prior to the treatment. We can heat all clothing left in drawers or boxes but this will add time to the procedure.
- ⌘ Pesticide usage is greatly reduced during thermal treatments. We do dust outlets, switch plates, and pipe chases prior to heating. This can be done without using pesticides.
- ⌘ No personal affects should be brought with you on the day of treatment. This includes clothing. A fresh outfit should be prepared (including sneakers) by running items through a dryer for 30 minutes.
- ⌘ Personal vehicles should be inspected and or treated if a thermal treatment is proposed. Canine inspection is recommended.
- ⌘ In a multi-family unit surrounding units should be inspected to provide the best long term results.
- ⌘ Prepare to vacate the treated area until cool enough to return. This may take several hours depending on the substrate.
- ⌘ We can do ALL the preparation and cleanup for you. Ask about our competitive rates.

### A3 THERMAL PREPARATION

**Note that we can do ALL the preparation for you. Speak to us about our rates.**

- Clutter impedes the effectiveness of a thermal so reduce all heavy clutter from closets, drawers and all around the house or apartment. Hot air is the insecticide-we need to move it everywhere.
- Drawers that are lightly packed with papers and clothing can remain.
- All electronics, appliances, dry cleaning, rugs, shoes, books, furniture, toys, will remain in place.
- The crew will be going into all the drawers and closets so if there is anything that you don't want the crew to find or see please remove it. Private papers should be placed in lockable metal file cabinet.
- Remove all crayons, candles, waxes, etc....Things that could melt
- Remove all alcohol, wine, beer, etc.... (Place in Refrigerator) Heat will destroy their flavor.
- Place medicine in the fridge and take what you need with you. The refrigerator is left running.
- Remove all flammables, matches, lighters, gunpowder, fireworks etc....
- Take down all plastic blinds - the heat will make them droop and become unusable.
- Remove all makeup, nail polish, lotions, etc...
- Remove all items that contain any alcohol – rubbing alcohol, nail polish remover, medical prep pads, etc...
- Remove all batteries from remotes, smoke detectors and laptop computers
- Remove all aerosol products - paint, hair spray, deodorizers, etc.....
- **Please remove all money and valuables.**
- Remove all oils - cooking, motor, etc if the containers are more than half full. They will expand and may leak.
- We will unplug all electronics, TV, computers, etc....
- Any pictures will be taken down off the walls to prevent breakage. They can be re-hung the next day.
- Oil paintings don't like heat. We will process them separately.
- **The underside cover on all furniture and box springs will be removed so heat will also penetrate deeply into these items. If you want them replaced please let us know.**
- Please make sure that clothing hanging in the closets is not packed in too tight. There should be room between the clothes so that heat can penetrate all areas.
- Bag all cassette tapes, video tapes, records and negatives so they can be pest stripped.
- The thermal crew will be taking your clothes out of the drawers and processing them and will put them in plastic bags at the end of the thermal. Note that this will wrinkle your clothing. You can avoid this by hanging your clothing on a hanger or pre-drying yourself, sealing in plastic and noting that the clothing has been processed already.
- **Nothing should be removed from the structure without being treated. Anything that is heat sensitive should be placed in plastic bags and marked. Our technicians will place no pest strips in them and seal them. These bags must remain sealed. In New York State we are required to remove these strips as they are a restricted use pesticide so we will do so at the time of the 30-day follow-up canine inspection.**