

Colonial Pest Control Flea Service Preparation Sheet

Please follow these simple steps before your scheduled appointment to gain quick control of your flea infestation.

1. **Important:** Plan to be out of the treated structure for three to four hours while the service is being performed.
2. **Treat your pet:** Your pet should be treated professionally to have the fleas removed. Be sure you ask for a flea treatment for your pet for regular flea control. Pet bedding should be washed every other week for the duration of the flea season.
3. **Vacuum everything:** Vacuum everything, including floor edges, carpets, upholstered furniture, closet floors, stairs, basement, pet resting areas, under beds, inside the baseboard heaters, etc. Be thorough. Remove the vacuum from the home and secure the vacuum bag or its contents in a secured bag and keep outside the home.
4. **Pick up loose items:** All loose items should be removed from the area that will be treated. If receiving treatment in a closet, pin up all long clothing to keep it away from the treatment.
5. **Strip your bedding:** Take all linens off your bed and wash them.
6. **Toys:** Children's toys must be lifted off the floor. Wash stuffed animals that can be washed. If you cannot wash them, it is effective to place the stuffed animals outdoors in direct sunlight for a few hours. Be sure to bag them in a plastic trash bag before bringing them back into the house.
7. **Basement:** The basement is a common storage area. All items should be lifted off the floor onto pallets or blocks to allow for a uniform application of the pesticide.
8. **Fish tanks:** Fish tanks should be covered and fish bowls that do not have an automated air supply should be removed from the area.

Please be sure to adhere to these guidelines to ensure an effective treatment.

If you have any questions regarding the preparation for a flea treatment, please call Rick Eggleston at 1-800-525-8084.