

## THERMAL FACT/PREP SHEET

**PLEASE READ PRIOR TO TREATMENT.**

### **Some Facts about Thermal Remediation**

- ⌘ A3 has been providing heat treatments to private homes, businesses, long term care and medical facilities, offices and more for over six 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.
- ⌘ 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 6-10 hours for most treatments. Larger residences or those that have a lot of clutter increase cook time as well as those constructed of concrete and brick.
- ⌘ Electronics, furniture, fabrics, leather items, upholstered and other tough items to treat chemically 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 increased to compensate for units with lots of items.
- ⌘ Pesticide usage is greatly reduced or eliminated during thermal treatments. We will dust outlets, switch plates, and pipe chases prior to heating with food grade DE.
- ⌘ No personal affects should be brought with you on the day of treatment. This includes clothing. A fresh outfit should be prepared (including footwear) by running items through a dryer for 30 to 45 minutes.
- ⌘ Personal vehicles should be inspected if a thermal treatment is proposed. Canine inspection is recommended.
- ⌘ Prepare to vacate the treated area until cool enough to return. This takes 6-10 hours depending on the apartment or home size and construction characteristics.

### A3 THERMAL PREPARATION

**Note that we can do ALL the preparation for you. Ask for a price. Note that Management is NOT responsible for this.**

- Drawers that are lightly packed with papers and clothing can remain in place.
- All electronics, appliances, dry cleaning, rugs, shoes, books, furniture, toys, will remain in place. Note that during the process these will all be moved to ensure air circulation. In some cases this will require the unit to be “straightened up” after you return.
- 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 or a metal lock box. We do this for our protection as well as reducing any chance of damaging heat sensitive items,
- Gather all crayons, candles, waxes, etc Things that could melt-place in one location -we will place in a safe location.
- Gather all alcohol, wine, beer, etc.... (we will 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.
- Gather all flammables, matches, lighters, gunpowder, fireworks etc.... we will place in a safe location.
- We will take down all plastic blinds - the heat will make them droop and become unusable, we will reinstall if it is cool enough to do so safely.
- Gather all makeup, nail polish, lotions, etc... we will place in a safe place.
- Gather all items that contain any alcohol – we will place in a safe place.
- **Please remove all money and valuables.**
- All pictures will be taken down off the walls to prevent breakage. We will place back up at completion.
- Oil paintings don’t like heat. We will process them separately. If they are of high value please notify the office.
- **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 as we have materials available for this.**
- Please make sure that clothing hanging in the closets is not packed too tightly. There should be room between the clothes so that heat can penetrate. If they are too tight notify us and we can bring in a clothing rack.
- Gather all cassette tapes, video tapes, records and negatives so they can be protected. If you cannot due to health or mobility restrictions notify us so we can do this for you. CD’s and DVD’s are safe where they are stored.
- The thermal crew will be processing your clothes if they are tightly packed in drawers and will put them in plastic bags at the end of the thermal. 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 gathered as per instructions. 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. This product will leave no active residual so items are pesticide free after airing out. DO NOT OPEN THESE BAGS UNTIL NOTIFIED OR WE COME BACK TO REMOVE.**