



### **Carpet Beetle Treatment Preparation & Aftercare Instructions**

*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.*

**Phantom Pest Solutions will be conducting Carpet beetle treatment at your property on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### **Understanding Carpet Beetles:**

Carpet beetles are small, oval-shaped insects that can cause significant damage to natural fibers such as wool, silk, leather, and even certain food products. They are commonly found in carpets, upholstered furniture, closets, air ducts, and baseboards. Carpet beetle larvae, not the adult beetles, are responsible for most damage as they feed on natural materials while growing. Left untreated, carpet beetles can spread quickly throughout the home.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

You must vacate the premises for **at least 6–8 hours** following treatment.

Specific requirements are as follows:

- **24-hour vacancy is required for:**
  - Infants (children under 2 years of age)
  - Expectant or nursing mothers
  - Individuals with respiratory conditions or sensitivities
  - Pets, including cats, dogs, and other small animals
  - Reptiles and birds

#### **Preparation Steps:**

**To ensure a thorough and successful treatment, please complete the following steps before our arrival:**

1. Clothing and Fabrics:
  - Launder all clothing, bedding, and other washable fabrics at a high temperature (ideally 60°C or higher) before treatment.
  - Remove items from closets, drawers, and storage bins and place them in sealed bags after laundering.

2. Floor and Carpet Access:

- Vacuum all floors, carpets, and area rugs thoroughly before treatment. Dispose of the vacuum bag immediately after cleaning.
- Remove any loose items from floors, including toys, shoes, and clutter.

3. Furniture and Wall Access:

- Move furniture, plants, and other items at least 12 inches away from walls to allow access to baseboards, corners, and cracks.

4. Kitchen Cabinets and Pantries:

- Empty lower cabinets and pantries, as carpet beetles can sometimes infest stored food items. Ensure food is stored in sealed, airtight containers.

5. Aquariums and Fish Tanks:

- Turn off air pumps and cover aquariums with a damp towel. Ensure proper ventilation is resumed after treatment.

**Aftercare Instructions:**

To maximize the effectiveness of our treatment and ensure long-term results, please follow these aftercare guidelines carefully:

1. Avoid Cleaning Treated Areas:

- Do not vacuum, mop, sweep, or clean within 6 inches of treated baseboards or surfaces for at least 4 weeks after treatment.
- Do not apply any over-the-counter pesticides, cleaners, or other chemicals in treated areas, as this may neutralize the residual pesticide's effectiveness.

2. Ventilation:

- Upon re-entry, open windows to ventilate your home for 15-30 minutes.

3. Monitor Activity:

- Expect to see some carpet beetle activity immediately after treatment, as the residual pesticide continues to work.
- Carpet beetles have a natural growth cycle, and residual pesticide remains effective for up to 3 months, targeting larvae as they emerge.

4. Clothing and Fabric Storage:

- Store clothing, linens, and other natural fibers in sealed containers to prevent reinfestation.
- Vacuum regularly, paying extra attention to cracks, crevices, and areas under furniture.

5. Food Safety:

- Ensure all food is stored in sealed containers. Remove garbage daily to minimize attracting pests.

Follow-Up Treatment:

If necessary, follow-up treatments will be scheduled based on activity observed. Patience and adherence to aftercare instructions will lead to the most effective results.

Key Facts About Carpet Beetles:

- Carpet beetle larvae are small and hairy, often called "woolly bears."
- Adult beetles are typically found near windows and light sources as they search for outdoor mates.
- Regular cleaning and proper storage of natural fibers can prevent future infestations.

**Your cooperation is essential to the success of our treatment. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at 604-771-0404 or email us at [admin@phantompestcontrol.ca](mailto:admin@phantompestcontrol.ca)**

Thank you for choosing Phantom Pest Solutions. We are committed to providing you with effective and environmentally responsible pest management services.

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