

## Flea Treatment Preparation

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All carpeting, flooring, throw-rugs, upholstery, and mattresses should be thoroughly vacuumed.

- Use a clean vacuum container/bag and clean filter to obtain the best suction.
- **Dispose** of bag/contents by sealing it tightly in a heavy plastic bag and place in a trash can outside of the home.

**Tip:** For extra control; place a piece of an over the counter flea collar on the inside of the vacuum container/bag to kill any live fleas.

All sheets, blankets, and other bedding should be washed in detergent with hot water (the highest heat setting the fabrics can tolerate). **Clothing or other textiles on or close to the floor should be washed or dry-cleaned.**

- Make sure the floor, furnishings, and trim are as accessible as possible for the pest control technician.
- **Before treatment** can be done, the **Homeowner Must** pick up loose items off the flooring as if they were prepping for a carpet cleaning. **If this is not done, the technician will not be able to perform the service.**
- This may mean placing smaller furniture on larger pieces.

In all cases when a pet is present in the home, the pet should receive a flea treatment by a veterinarian or other qualified animal-health professional.

- Treatment should be performed at the same time that your home is being treated.
- Your veterinarian may also wish to prescribe one of several long-term flea control medications for your pet.

**\*\*\*It will be necessary for the homeowner to remain out of the house during the treatment and for 4 hours afterwards.**

**\*\*\*Fleas will continue to emerge for 2 weeks because pupae are not killed by sprays. Continue to vacuum every other day until we do our follow-up treatment in about one month.**