

Vikane[®] Gas Fumigant for Eliminating Bed Bugs

Packing Check List - How to Leave the Bed Bugs Behind

- Bring as few items as possible when leaving the residence for the fumigation.** Remember, bed bugs hitchhiking in suitcases, back packs, boxes, clothing, bedding, and pet cages is a common way for these insects to be introduced into buildings. Bed bugs have been found infesting small electronic devices, such as alarm clocks.
- For all fabric items that will be taken out of the residence during the fumigation, wash in hot water and dry in high heat in dryer (140°F) before returning them to the fumigated residence.** This includes clothing, blankets, pillows, stuffed toys, and pet bedding.
- Do not use boxes, suitcases, back packs, gym bags, or any similar items from the infested residence to pack belongings.** These items should remain in the residence to be fumigated. Pack belongings needed during the fumigation in light colored or clear plastic bags or plastic containers, such as sweater boxes, or new luggage not previously stored in the infested residence.
- Do not place washed or packed items on furniture (beds, sofas, dressers, tables, etc.) or flooring (carpets or rugs) that may be infested with bed bugs.** Immediately remove packed items from the infested residence or place them on a clean, hard surface (kitchen or bathroom floor, in a bath tub or shower) until they can be removed from the residence.
- Mattresses completely enveloped in plastic covers that cannot be removed, such as infant mattresses, cannot be fumigated.** These mattresses must be removed prior to fumigation. If there is any evidence that such a mattress is infested with bed bugs or the individual sleeping on the mattress has been bitten by bed bugs, it is advised that a new mattress be purchased.
- Pet cages and pet bedding should be fumigated.** Pet cages with any small gaps, seams, or hollow spaces that could harbor bed bugs should be left in the residence to be fumigated. Food in the cages should be removed prior to the fumigation. The pets should be transferred to new travel cages or housing known not to be infested with bed bugs to remove them from the residence prior to the fumigation. Pet bedding/blankets should not be removed from the residence before the fumigation unless they can be washed, dried, and packed as described above.