# PRE & POST TREATMENT ADVICE

**PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE INFORMATION BELOW AS FOLLOWING THIS ADVICE WILL GREATLY ASSIST A SPEEDY AND SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT.**

## THINGS YOU MUST, AND MUST NOT DO

### Generally, for All treatments:

**Do:**
- Do follow any instructions and advice from the Pest Control Technician
- Do keep all appointments for treatment
- Do prepare for the follow up treatments as instructed *(If you do not carry out these preparations the Pest Control Technician may be unable to proceed with the treatment.)*
- Immediately before any insect treatment, turn off any aquarium pumps, and cover any tank. (Turn back on after treatment and airing of room).
- Do allow access for Technicians to retrieve products/dead pests at the end of the treatment *(If you do not allow this access you will be responsible for their safe disposal).*

**Do not:**
- Do not touch, move or interfere with the treatment products
- Do not Allow children or animals to be in contact with the products or dead/injured pests
- Where liquid sprays are involved, do not allow access to the area until surfaces are dry.
- Do not expect eradication to be immediate. Most treatments work over a period of time. Pest activity may continue for days or weeks *(The Technician can advise)*

### Rats & Mice

**Do:**
- Allow up to 3 visits over 5 or more weeks
- Clean up any droppings or urine with disinfectant. Wear disposable Gloves.
- Keep any foodstuffs in sealable, Rodent proof containers.
- Do ensure dead rodents are disposed of correctly. You can double bag it in plastic bags and put it in your normal refuse. Wear gloves. **Make sure you let our technician know.** If you are unable to deal with it yourself, please telephone and ask for advice.

**Do not:**
- Leave foodstuffs and/or dirty dishes out, particularly overnight
- Leave household rubbish in containers that could be accessed by pests, preferably remove it from the property regularly.
- Leave any food spillages, clean them up immediately.
- Leave pet food down; remove it after your pet has eaten.
- Leave accumulations in your garden for pests to use e.g. Food, rubbish, builder’s waste, old furniture etc
- Feed wildlife whilst you have a rodent problem
- Let trees overhang for rodents to gain access your roof.

### Wasps

**Do:**
- Allow 2-4 days for the treatment to work completely
- Keep bins covered

**Do not:**
- Need to remove the old nest – it is not used again
- Go near an active wasp nest before or after treatment

### Bees

**Do understand:**
- That bees are good for the environment
- We may refer you to a beekeeper if it is Honey Bees
- Bees in walls may require costly structural works

**Do not:**
- Expect us to treat bees if they are not a real threat.
- Disturb any holes plugged after treatment works

### Fleas (Cat/Dog Fleas)

**Do:**
- Thoroughly vacuum before treatment (not after)
- Dispose soiled Vacuum cleaner waste bags, in an outside bin.
- Move all items from the floor under furniture (but leave in the room).
- Continue to treat any pets with appropriate flea treatment
- Launder all affected clothing and bedding *(see Bed Bugs above)*, or destroy pet bedding by burning.

**Do not:**
- Enter the treated rooms for at least two hours. *(Then air the rooms for an hour)*
- Vacuum or clean any treated floors for at least 15 days
- Be concerned if you get a few new bites/fleas for up to two weeks after treatment as young fleas emerge before being affected by the treatment.
### Bed Bugs

**Do:**
- Prepare before each treatment e.g.
  - Move all beds, furniture and other items away from the walls.
  - Remove bedding from the beds, and contents of drawers and cupboards, place in bin liners, and close tightly (but leave in the room).
  - Remove headboards, items from under the bed, pictures, etc from walls (but leave in the room).
  - Unplug all non-essential electrical items within the treated rooms.
- **After Treatment:**
  - Launder all linen and clothing from the treated rooms, and then replace in rooms (‘Hot’ (60°C) wash for 30 minutes. ‘Hot’ Tumble dry for 30 minutes). Check garment labels 1st.
  - Continue using the beds in the infested rooms (this encourages the bed bugs to be exposed to the treatment).

**Do not:**
- Enter the treated rooms for at least two hours. (Then air the rooms for an hour)
- Move anything out of the rooms to be treated, apart from sealed rubbish.
- Vacuum or clean any treated floors for at least 15 days
- Be concerned if you get a few new bites/bugs for up to two weeks after treatment as young bugs emerge before being affected by the treatment.

### Cockroaches

**Do:**
- Store food stored in sealed containers.
- Clean all surfaces to remove food residue.
- Wash up and clear dirty dishes and utensils promptly
- Keep bins covered, and remove rubbish regularly
- Repair any leaks and damp areas

**Do not:**
- Leave clutter where cockroaches might live
- Leave dirty dishes and utensils out.
- Leave holes and cracks in the structure of the building.

### Garden Ants

**Do:**
- Allow 2-4 days for the treatment to work completely
- Store all waste correctly in containers
- Wipe food preparation surfaces down after treatment

**Do not:**
- Wash off or remove the applied products from floor and wall surfaces
- Leave out any food or debris to attract the ants