



## **BED BUG TREATMENT PREPARATION GUIDE** **Thermal Remediation**

### **Treatment Details:**

- Individual units will be treated with heat that will increase the ambient temperature to 120-135°F.
  - i. Temperature is raised by using portable electric heaters powered by a Smithereen generator.
  - ii. Ambient air is circulated with high-powered fans to move lethal air into all cracks, crevices, furniture, and belongings within the space.
  - iii. Throughout treatment, belongings and furniture will be moved to assure everything is heated to lethal temperature.
  
- Maintaining these temperatures will eliminate any arthropod population in the treated space.

### **Preparation Details:**

- A little resident preparation is required. Prior to our arrival, Smithereen asks that the preparation items outlined below are completed:
  - i. All live animals should be removed from the unit during the treatment, if carrier devices used, ensure they are bed bug free.
  - ii. Any items suspected of not being able to withstand temperatures of 120-140°F should be placed in the bathroom.
  - iii. Any fixtures including but not limited to furnishings suspected or known to not being able to withstand temperatures of 120-140 F degrees should be stated to the sales individual before initiation of service.
  - iv. Plants and items liable to explode (pressurized) should be placed in the bathroom.
  - v. Cosmetics, medicine, and all alcohol should be placed in the refrigerator.
  - vi. Smithereen will perform a thorough inspection before treatment commences to ensure these items have been removed.
  - vii. All electronic devices should be unplugged from outlets.
  - viii. If the residents have items in storage lockers, such as luggage, they are asked to bring them into the apartment for treatment.
  - ix. The residents should take the minimum number of items with them when they leave the space to prevent re-infestation. If any items are taken out of unit, please ensure these items are not infested by having the Smithereen technician inspect them.
  - x. If **possible**, raise thermostat temperature to above 80°F and/or turn off air conditioners in advance of treatment time as well.
  - xi. Contact and inform any home security or fire alarm systems about the scheduled service.**
  
- Smithereen will attempt to replace all items disturbed during the treatment to their original position.