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# **FLEA PREP CHECKLIST SHEET**

Please follow this checklist to ensure you are prepared for your flea service.

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Vacuum all floor space. It is especially important to vacuum all dark, shaded areas such as under furniture, floors of closets, pet bedding, and any other surface area that does not get a lot of light. Fleas love to hang out away from direct light.
Vacuum upholstered furniture when possible. Vacuuming <u>under pillow cushions</u> on the couch would be an <u>example of a dark place for fleas to hide</u> <b>not</b> on the <b>tops</b> of furniture.  Follow this rule for all furniture types.
Vacuuming <u>after our service</u> will <u>not remove</u> or interfere with our treatment. By aggressively vacuuming <u>after our service</u> , you will be helping to eliminate your flea problems faster. All <u>four life stages</u> of the fleas will become active and freely move in and out of our products.
Clean all floor types such as kitchen floors, tile, wood, and vinyl to the best of your ability before your service. For the <u>next six weeks</u> , we ask that you use <u>only a dry</u> <u>Swiffer</u> to clean your hard floors. Harsh floor cleaners will weaken or remove our control product. <u>Sweeping only</u> and <u>spot cleaning</u> would be your best option until your flea problem is gone.
Remove all miscellaneous items from the <u>floor of closets</u> , <u>under beds</u> , and in any <u>dark floor spaces that we must treat</u> . Items may be placed on the bed – covered with sheets.
Wash or dispose of pet bedding if need be. Pet resting places such as pet bedding are the

# Cover or put away all exposed food, dishes, coffee pots, toasters, and miscellaneous items on the kitchen and bathroom counter. We will be using an aerosol fogging product that could get on your counter items. Wash your countertops with a liquid dish detergent after our service. Cover the infant bed with a sheet. Put away all children and pet toys. Cover the fish tank and fish supplies. IMPORTANT \*\*\* Unplug aerator pumps and leave unplugged until after your return. All people & pets out of the house for 4 hours. It is normal to see some adult fleas in treated areas after service when they are brought in on infested animals or when adults emerge from pupal cases, however, a population will not develop in treated areas.

## Things you can do to help:

- <u>Purchase flea collars</u> and place one (cut in half) in your vacuum cleaner bag or canister. Use a new flea collar whenever you change bags. You *should not* have to change bags as often using this method.
- Bring your pets to a veterinarian to get a flea treatment <u>before</u> or on the <u>day</u>
   of your <u>service</u> if possible. This step should <u>not be overlooked</u> as it is a very
   important part of your flea elimination service.
- Consider our <u>Backyard Protection Program</u>, which consists of a <u>flea and tick</u> <u>treatment</u>. We also offer a <u>bundled plan</u> that would also include <u>mosquito</u> control.
- Regularly wash your pets bedding throughout the six-week control process.
- DO NOT SHAMPOO CARPETS OR REMOVE THE CARPET UNTIL FLEAS ARE GONE

### **Additional Notes:**

- Although we stand behind our services ... <u>concerning fleas</u>, there are <u>too many</u> <u>variables</u> that could lead to their reintroduction into your property following our service, therefore we <u>do not offer a warranty for fleas</u>. You will have <u>ongoing</u> <u>protection</u> in your home or business for at least <u>3 months</u> should more fleas reenter after our service.
- We will tape a yellow sign on your door with the re-entry time stated clearly on the front. DO NOT ENTER THE PROPERTY UNTIL THE TIME THAT WILL BE POSTED ON NOTICE.
- A service fee (<u>trip charge</u>) of \$65.00 will be added to your invoice should our technicians <u>refuse your service</u> due to a <u>lack of cooperation on your part</u>. We simply <u>will not</u> waste your money or our time performing a service that may fail because <u>you were not ready</u> for your service.
- **DISCLAIMER:** Advanced Pest Solutions <u>is at no time responsible</u> for the damage to persons or property because of this service or the insects we are there to control.

### HERE IS WHAT TO EXPECT FOR THE NEXT 6-WEEKS OF YOUR PROGRAM

Week 1 – Adult fleas will start to die off as we begin your control process.

**Week 2** – The worm-like larvae have tunneled down deep into your carpets or furniture fiber giving us <u>a big challenge</u>. When at the fiber base, the worm/larvae develop a cocoon and are completely protected from our products. Aggressive <u>vacuuming plays</u> <u>are very important role</u> in week 2.

**Week 3** – The "<u>birth control</u>" (insect growth regulator) that is added to our products begins to work on the eggs making them sterile (no more baby fleas) and the confused worms/larvae no longer can cocoon – a very good thing!

<u>Keep up the vacuuming.</u> We all know that it is a pain, but you want your flea problem gone ... right?

**Weeks 4 + 5 –** Adult fleas are becoming rare. The cocoons are still producing some adults but on a noticeable decline.

**Week 6** – If all goes as planned, you should be flea-free, and your patience and great vacuuming skills have been rewarded. If you are still experiencing flea issues, call our office and we will determine what steps may be needed to end your issue.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We **DO NOT** provide a warranty on your flea service due to multiple circumstances that are out of our control such as, but not limited to:

- \*Lack of preparation on Your part.
- \*Clutter that provides harborage point which makes it impossible to treat thoroughly.
- \*The possibility that new fleas may be reintroduced back into your property.

IN MOST CASES WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH POSITIVE RESULTS WITHIN 30-45 DAYS. QUICKER RESULTS CAN BE EXPECTED WHEN THE PARTNERSHIP WORKS TOGETHER TO RESOLVE OUR FLEA ISSUES.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND OUR DISCLAIMER BEFORE WE CAN PERFORM YOUR SERVICE. PLEASE LEAVE THIS SIGNED PAGE IN CLEAR SIGHT FOR YOUR TECHNICIAN TO RETURN TO OUR OFFICE.

RESIDENT/OWNER	DATE
YOUR ADDRESS OR APARTMENT #_	

THANK YOU FOR USING OUR SERVICE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS!!