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Flea Treatment Preparation

A Guide To Help You Prepare For The Flea Battle

Since adult fleas and her eggs can be just about anywhere in the home, our goal will be to apply treatment products to all susceptible areas.

We will need your help in eliminating the flea issue at your home, so we've put this little checklist together so you know how to prepare on your treatment day.

- Pick up everything on the floor, including under beds and inside closets
- *Flip up the bed blankets so the area below is readily accessible*
- **Tie back floor length drapes so the edges of walls are accessible**
- Pull out sofas and chairs and pick up the kids' Leggo collection that you thought you'd never see again and vacuum that area thoroughly
- *Remove all pet dishes from floors*
- Cover fish tanks and turn off the air supply during the treatment application
- **Vacuum every square inch of carpet as thoroughly as you can. That bears repeating! VACUUM every square inch of carpet as thoroughly as you can. This will not only straighten up the fibers of the carpet to facilitate the action of our treatment spray, but it also picks up newly hatched adults**
- *Make arrangements to have your pets treated the day of your appointment if they are not currently taking flea medication*
- If you have area rugs, you may want to send them out to be professionally cleaned
- Have the yard treated on the same day as the interior treatment if you live in a house. We cannot guarantee results if we do provide both treatments at the same time
- **Be prepared to leave the premises for at least 2 hours while the treatment dries**

You will be asked to do three very important things after the flea treatment

First, do NOT go back into the home if the carpets are still damp. You want to wait until the spray is dry, so the treatment product does not contact your skin. We also want to make sure that once the treatment product is dry, it adheres very tightly to the carpet fibers. You can check this by placing a tissue paper on the carpet and stepping on it lightly with your shoe. If it shows a wet spot, then you need to leave again for another hour or two. Opening windows and turning up heaters prior to the application (if possible) will speed up drying time.

The second important step is to vacuum again, every day if at all possible for three weeks. This is not going to remove any of the treatment products, but will once again suck up any new hatched adult fleas. You should dispose of the vacuum cleaner bag after vacuuming if possible.



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The third thing you'll be asked to do is to please be patient. The flea is not going to change its biology just to please us. The fact is, it takes about 3 weeks for fleas to complete their life cycle. Even if we do the best job possible using state-of-the-art treatment products and equipment, you still will see occasional fleas for the next two to four weeks. You can speed up this process by **vacuuming daily**, but adding more treatment products on top of what is already applied is not really helping.

It is also helpful if you have your pets on a flea treatment medication. Most behind the neck applications are ok, but you might want to try a flea collar for a few weeks after treatment as well. Speak with your veterinarian for his/her recommendation.

We hope this information is useful and helps you prepare for the flea battle.

If you have any question, please don't hesitate to contact us at 855-868-7378

Sincerely,
Alamo Pest Management LLC