

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE

TREATMENT OF FLEAS AT YOUR PROPERTY:

This leaflet is designed to offer some help and guidance prior to your treatment.

What do I have to do before treatment?

On the day of your treatment, the following should be carried out before we arrive:

- Anyone who is pregnant has allergies or asthma & any pets should take the necessary precautions, where possible leave the property for a minimum of 2 hours, also do not let pets into treated rooms until dry.
- Aquariums may remain place as long as the filtrations & aeration systems are turned off & the tank is adequately covered, filtrations & aeration equipment should not be turned back on until 6 hours after treatment.
- All belongings/items should be removed from the infested area, with all electrical items unplugged moved away from walls covered & sealed.
- If possible steam clean, wet Hoover or shampoo any carpeting & furnishings.
- Discard the vacuum cleaner bag, which should be placed in a tightly sealed rubbish bag before disposal.

Laundering of curtains

- All floor or near floor length curtains should be placed into clean rubbish bags & secured, then emptied directly into the washing machine.
- When the cycle is complete, place the curtains into clean unused rubbish bags & seal them, or place straight into a tumble dryer set to high for a minimum of 40 minutes.
- All chairs covers pillows & throws must be washed, again following the above instructions.

Furniture & Carpets

- Before you do anything else vacuum carpets, furnishings, cracks in the floorboards & upholstered furniture. This will not only get rid of adult fleas, but also eggs & larvae. The larvae feed on adult flea faeces & other

organic matter, which collects in things like carpets & rugs. Removing this source of food is an important step.

- Empty your vacuum cleaner very carefully away from the house because the fleas will still be alive.
- All furniture in infested rooms should be pulled away from the walls with any items stored underneath removed; a minimum of 4 inches is required.

Pets

- Groom your pets regularly with a flea comb & wash their bedding every week, ideally at 50 degrees or above.
- If your pet is scratching or biting its' fur, you should talk to your vet. They can recommend the best flea sprays or powders to treat your pet.
- Bathe your dog/cat using a recommend pet shampoo.
- After the bath, comb your pet with a flea comb.

After the flea treatment has been applied to my home, what should I do?

- Do not use treated rooms for 2-3 hours or until dry if at all possible, also be careful on any wet flooring?
- Do not vacuum clean or sweep treated rooms until the day before our next visit or for a minimum of 14 days.
- Following the treatment it is necessary for you live as normal. This is because it is your presence in the rooms that brings the fleas out of their places of harbourage and into contact with the insecticides. Not using the room(s) will mean the fleas will lay dormant & wait for you to return to the treated area.

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