

Preparing for your Flea Treatment

Appropriate preparation is an essential step for ensuring the most effective results from your upcoming flea treatment. HTS Group will provide detailed instructions on what you need to do before your scheduled treatment in the following information sheet.



Preparation involves everything from providing adequate access to your property, to cleaning and post treatment recommendations. We understand that appropriate preparation can be difficult to achieve in a short period of time and that senior citizens or disabled individuals may need additional assistance and time considerations.

Please Note: HTS Group will not provide treatment to any property that has not met the preparations that follow in this information sheet.

Furniture Preparation

To carry out a really effective treatment the pest control technician will need to get access to as much floor area as possible.

1. Remove all toys, clothing, and stored items from floors, under beds, in closets, and under furniture. This step is essential so that all areas will be accessible for treatment and to give the technician unobstructed access.
2. Remove all electrical cables, sockets and extension leads etc. from the floor areas.
3. Remove pet food and water dishes, cover fish tanks and turn off any air pumps.
4. All furniture should be pulled away from the walls and skirting boards at least 2 feet, if practicable.
5. Wash, dry-clean or destroy all pet bedding.

(If removing the bottom drawer of your furniture exposes the floor then the item of furniture will not need to be moved).

Please note: All properties that are noted to have excess clutter will **NOT** be treated. A thorough and successful treatment cannot be achieved while there is excess clutter and untidiness in the home. Once the clutter has been removed, treatment can be rendered.

Vacuuming

The mechanical removal of fleas by vacuuming thoroughly is an important part of preparing for treatment. Vacuuming removes many of the eggs, larvae and pupae developing within the home.



As closely as possible to or on the day of the treatment,

1. Vacuum your carpets and rugs.
2. Vacuum wood and tile floors with special attention to grooves and cracks, and then mop them afterwards.
3. Pay particular attention to areas where pets may sleep or where the sun may heat an area of floor.
4. Don't forget to vacuum along edges of rooms and beneath furniture, cushions, beds, sofas and rugs.
5. Vacuum the sofa, under the cushions and down the backs or cracks in the cushions covers.
6. After vacuuming, empty the contents of the vacuum cleaner directly into a bag and place into the dustbin or change the bag and discard it in an outdoor bin.

Pets

It is important that your pet be treated in conjunction with your home. Adult fleas spend virtually their



entire life on the animal -- not in the carpet. Untreated pets will continue to be bothered by fleas. They may also transport fleas in from outdoors, eventually overcoming the effectiveness of the insecticide applied inside the home. If you have a pet make sure it is being treated with an approved formulation, preferably via a vet, this should be maintained throughout the year to prevent re-infestation.

Post Treatment

Before becoming adult fleas, the larvae transform into pupae within a silk-like cocoon. Pupae remain inside the cocoon for 2 to 4 weeks, sometimes longer. The cocoon is resistant to insecticides and this is why some adult fleas are seen for an extended period, even after the home and pet are treated.

The treatment works over a period of time. It will not affect the egg stage or the pupation stage (cocoon). It will kill the larvae as they emerge from the egg and also start to kill the new adults as they emerge from the pupation stage. Expect to see activity continuing for several weeks.

DO NOT vacuum your property for at least 21 days to allow the insecticide time to work.

One treatment is usually sufficient to control the infestation as the products used carry on working for some weeks. The fleas should die off gradually after coming into contact with the insecticide if there is still a problem after 4 weeks from the original treatment you can call Contact Harlow to book a revisit. Contact Harlow will arrange a date for this visit with you.

Once the initial treatment has been completed you and your pets will not be allowed in the treated property for a minimum of 2-3 hours. This

allows for an appropriate amount of time for the materials used to dry completely. Only after this time should you, your children, and/or your pets return to the property. From this point forward you may carry on with your normal household activities.

Flea Preparation Check List

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6	Vacuum your carpets and rugs. Pay particular attention to areas where pets may sleep or where the sun may heat an area of floor.		
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11	Make sure your pet is being treated with an approved formulation, preferably via a vet.		