

Preparations Prior to a Flea Treatment

1. **Cleaning** is the primary way to eliminate fleas. Chemical treatment is secondary. There is no guarantee on the flea treatment if pre-cleaning is not done.
2. **Vacuum thoroughly daily** – especially along baseboards and appliances where the larvae hide and locations where the pets frequent most. Furniture must be vacuumed well, particularly beneath the cushions and within the crevices where the eggs will settle. Always discard the vacuum bag because the fleas will just exit your vacuum when stored.
3. **Mop all bare floors well**, paying close attention along baseboards and along the base of the cabinets.
4. **Laundering** – All throw rugs in the house and bedding of owners and pets must be laundered and **DRIED IN THE DRYER** where the heat is hot enough to kill the eggs. Bedding is never sprayed.
5. **Bedrooms** – All items on the floors of closets must be removed and placed on top of the beds.

On the Day of the Flea Treatment

1. All pets must be treated for fleas on the same day as your house.
2. The floor must be clear of all clutter so that the carpet is completely accessible for treatment. Furniture can remain in place.
3. All foods and dishes in the kitchen must be put away.
4. The bedspreads along the sides of the beds need to be lifted up and flipped on the top of the beds.
5. Open a few windows for cross ventilation to air out the odor of the chemical.
6. People and pets must remain out of the house for at least two hours or until the chemical has dried on the carpet. After the chemical has dried, it is harmless to people and pets.
7. Wait one full day before vacuuming, continue vacuuming on a daily basis thereafter.