



TOMLINSON BOMBERGER

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Flea Treatment Preparation Checklist

CHECK LIST (should be done before treatment, as close to application as possible):

- Thoroughly vacuum carpeting, baseboards, and upholstered furniture and cushions. Dispose of vacuum bag or empty canister outside of structure)
- Mop or vacuum all hard surfaces/floors. Throw rugs should be washed in HOT, soapy water. Do not replace until after treatment.
- If you plan to have carpets cleaned, this should be done BEFORE flea treatment to avoid removing residual materials.
- Cover any exposed food.
- Bathe pet(s) with flea shampoo and apply monthly topical flea control products such as Frontline®, Advantage®, etc. according to label instructions, to reduce further infestations.
- Launder beds, blankets, etc. where pet(s) frequently lay in HOT, soapy water. Do not replace until after treatment.
- Empty and wash out all litter boxes and DO NOT REFILL until treatment is complete.
- Fish aquariums may remain if properly covered and air pumps left disconnected for at least 2 hours after treatment.
- If pets are allowed in bedroom and on the bed, these linens should be washed. Articles from under bed should be placed on top of bed and closet floors vacuumed and free of boxes, shoes, etc. Since fleas live in the carpet, getting as much exposed floor space as possible will contribute to a successful treatment.
- If pet spends time in garage and/or basement, clean the garage and sweep/vacuum/mop floor.
- Vacuum all carpet and upholstery in vehicles that pet travels in. Vehicles will not receive flea treatments.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Owners/occupants and pet(s) should remain away from structure during and for approximately 3 hours after treatment.
- Since fleas have a life cycle of up to 30 days, you will continue to see fleas several weeks after treatment. However, newly-emerged fleas will be eliminated as they hatch as they contact the residual materials applied to carpeting and floors.
- VERY IMPORTANT: One of the best things you can do is to resume normal vacuuming the day after treatment and daily vacuuming is highly recommended for several weeks after treatment to reduce flea population. Dispose of bag or empty canister outside of home to eliminate re-infestation from vacuum.

