



## Flea Treatment Preparation

### Before your flea treatment:

- Vacuum all floors, carpets and furniture daily, paying particular attention to areas where pets rest. Ensure you seal and discard the vacuum bag immediately after vacuuming. Hardwood or tile floors can be mopped
- Exposed food and kitchen utensils should be covered or removed
- Remove pets from the treatment area and cover aquariums
- Wash all pet bedding on hot setting and dry on the hottest allowable setting
- Dogs and cats should be treated by a vet-approved flea control product the day before your home is scheduled for treatment
- Clear toys, food, bowls and other items from shaded outdoor areas where pets rest

### What to expect from your flea treatment:

The active ingredient found in products used for residential flea treatments have two residual components for maximum efficacy

1. Pesticide – Designed to kill adult fleas and developing fleas (larval stage) on contact
2. Insect Growth Regulator – Only affects larval stage fleas and prevents them developing into an adult (disrupts life cycle)

The treatment can take up to 1.5 hours (depending on house size) and you will need to vacate the premises during this time. You must then allow 2 hours for the product to dry before you re-enter. The product will be mostly concentrated around skirting boards, cracks and crevices and undisturbed areas beneath furniture, as this is where fleas mostly reside.

### What to expect post-treatment:

Flea treatments following this method typically result in the immediate reduction of adult fleas. It is likely, however, that you may see adult fleas within 7-14 days of the initial treatment. These fleas were in the pre-adult (pupal) stage at the time of the treatment and have not yet come into direct contact with the product. Now that they have emerged from the pupal stage, they should die within hours of contacting the pesticide residue.

### A three week follow up will be scheduled after the initial treatment

Before then, continued vacuuming is the best solution for your home for eliminating any individual fleas that survived the initial treatment. As long as you have followed all our advice, after the second treatment, you are then covered by our 6 month warranty.