



# Chet's Termite & Pest Management

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## Flea & Tick Treatment Preparation

### A Guide To Help You Prepare For The Flea Or Tick Battle

Since adult ticks and her eggs can be just about anywhere in the home that your pets go, our goal will be to apply material to all those susceptible areas.

We will need your help in eliminating the tick issue at your home, so we've put this little checklist together for you so you know how to prepare on your treatment day.

- Pick up everything on the floor, including under beds and inside closets
- *Flip up the bed blankets so the area below is readily accessible*
- **Tie back floor length drapes so the edges of walls are accessible**
- Pull out sofas and chairs and pick up the kids' Leggo collection that you thought you'd never see again, and vacuum that area thoroughly
- *Remove all pet dishes from floors*
- Cover fish tanks and turn off the air supply during the application
- **Vacuum every square inch of carpet as thoroughly as you can. That bears repeating - VACUUM every square inch of carpet as thoroughly as you can. This will not only straighten up the fibers of the carpet to facilitate the action of the spray, but it also picks up any newly born babies**
- *Make arrangement to have your pet(s) treated the day of your appointment*
- If you have area rugs, you may want to send them out to be professionally cleaned
- Have the yard treated on the same day as the interior treatment. We cannot guarantee results if we do not do both treatments at the same time.
- **Be prepared to leave the premises for 4 hours while the treatment dries**

You will be asked to do three very important things after the tick application.

First, do NOT go back into the home if the carpets are still damp. You want to wait till the spray is dry, so that it does not contact your skin, and once it is dry it adheres very, very tightly to the carpet fibers. You can check this by placing a tissue paper on the carpet and stepping on it lightly with your shoe. If it shows a wet spot then you need to leave again for another hour or two. Opening windows and turning up heaters prior to the application, if possible, will speed up drying time.

The second important step is to vacuum again, every day if at all possible. This is not going to remove any of the materials, but will once again suck up any new babies. You should dispose of the vacuum cleaner bag after vacuuming so the babies in the vacuum bag do not become another problem.

The third thing you will be asked to do is to please be patient. The tick is not going to change its biology just to please us, and the fact is that it takes about 3 weeks for ticks to complete their life cycle. Even if we do the best job possible, using the state of the art materials and equipment, you still will see occasional tick for the next two to four weeks. You can speed up this process by vacuuming regularly, but adding more chemical applications on top of what is already there is not really helping.

It is also helpful if you have your pet(s) on a tick treatment program. Most behind the neck applications are ok, but you may want to try a tick collar for a few weeks after treatment as well. Speak with your veterinarian for his/her recommendation.

We hope this information is useful and helps you prepare for the tick battle.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 813 935-7554.

Sincerely,



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