

Why choose a heat treatment instead of traditional pesticide?

Garrison Pest and Termite is one of very few companies that has the ability and equipment required to offer thermal heat remediation. We use industrial heaters and equipment to reach temperatures exceeding 120°F and maintain those levels for more than 3 hours. This is the only proven way to effectively kill 99% of all bed bugs with only one treatment. If you choose traditional pesticide, the applications require more preparation (i.e. laundering all clothes and bedding, purchasing mattress covers, pulling apart all furniture, etc.) along with numerous follow up applications before you see any results.

Bed Bug Heat Treatments are also “Green” because there is no requirement for pesticides to be applied. We do offer to apply a residual product after the heat treatment is completed just to ensure there are no re-infestations (in the event bed bugs are brought into the area again).



How does the Heat Treatment work?

Our commercial grade propane heaters fill the space to be treated with intensely hot air until all surfaces in the area are over 120°F (beds, couches, clothes, furniture, walls, etc.) and the area is held at those temperatures anywhere from 3 to 5 hours. This process reaches the temperature that a bed bug cannot survive fast enough and holds it long enough to effectively kill bed bugs in all stages of life without allowing any to escape as the room heats. Therefore, we are not only killing the live adults and nymphs, but we are also drying out the eggs ensuring the infestation is completely eliminated in one treatment!

This service can be done in all effected areas of the home at once, so there is no need to move and retreat another section. This significantly reduces any risk of re-infestation in a previously treated area.



What is the process for a Heat Treatment?

The only preparation required by the customer is to turn off your air conditioner and remove all combustibles, flammables, and any items that could be melted/damaged when heated (i.e. aerosols, candles, paintings, medications, candy, vinyl blinds, etc.). If you are not sure if an item will be effected by the high temperatures used in treatment, just ask one of our Pest Control Specialists and they will be happy to advise. A general rule is that its better to remove the item if you believe an it could be damaged.

Our team will prepare the room and set up our top of the line equipment. We will seal off the area to be treated and strategically place the heating ducts and fans to ensure the extremely hot air will be well distributed. Infrared laser thermometers are used to monitor the temperatures throughout the space. We also make sure to agitate all items (move pillows/cushions/clothes/flip mattresses) in the room every 30 mins to eliminate the risk of any cold pockets in the area where the pests could hide from the heat.



Is there a Warranty?

Yes – We do offer a Warranty to ensure every customer's satisfaction with our services. This warranty will not be offered if the customer decides to treat only one section of an affected area due to price or other restrictions. If the entire affected area is not treated the bed bugs will spread again.

Our Warranty options vary depending on the treatment that you choose. It will be offered upon scheduling the service and can span anywhere between 90 days and 18 months. Give us a call today for details.

NOTE: Shared walls/vents between apartment units creates a higher risk of bed bug re-infestation of treated areas. Therefore, we will only offer a 90 day warranty on all bed bug services performed in apartment units.

