

Before Your Flea Treatment:

- Vacuum all floors, carpets and furniture daily, paying particular attention to areas where pets rest. Seal and discard the vacuum bag immediately when finished. Hardwood or tile floors can be mopped.
- If possible, food preparation areas should be closed off. If not, food preparation areas and utensils should be covered during treatment or thoroughly washed afterwards. Exposed food should be covered or removed.
- Remove pets from the treatment area. Cover aquariums and turn filtration systems off.
- Wash all pet bedding in hot water and dry on the hottest allowable heat setting.
- Dogs and cats should be treated by a vet-approved flea control product prior to the day your home is scheduled for treatment.
- Clear toys, food, bowls and other items from shaded areas outdoors where pets rest. (Patios, under porches, decks and dog houses.)
- If the garage is being treated, remove motor vehicles.

What to Expect from Your Flea Treatment:

The active ingredient(s) 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 developing fleas. Any larval stages of fleas that come into contact with the growth regulator will be unable to develop into an adult (interrupts life cycle).

What to Expect Post-Treatment:

Flea treatments following this method typically result in an 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 cocoon (pupal) stage at the time of 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 several hours of contacting the pesticide residue.

Daily vacuuming post-treatment will help eliminate individual fleas that emerge following the initial treatment.

A three week follow up treatment should be schedule after the initial treatment. Before then, continued vacuuming is the best solution for your home for eliminating individual fleas that survived the initial treatment.

Concerning outdoor areas of your property, new research has confirmed that treating your entire yard is not necessary for eliminating fleas. Flea larvae cannot survive in areas that are not shaded and they are most likely to occur in areas where pets or animals rest during the heat of the day, including under decks, porches and trees. These are the only areas that would require treatment. Exterior Treatments are recommended during the summer/late summer to control fleas deposited by wildlife.