



Baxter Pest Control

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How To Get Rid Of Fleas - 5 Step Treatment Guide

1. Vacuum, Vacuum, Vacuum!

Fleas will live under furniture, rugs, near windows, under cushions on sofas, chairs, and any place animals sleep. It is very important to vacuum and treat the areas where animals sleep or rest. A good thorough vacuuming of all floor surfaces (carpet, concrete or hardwood floor) will help to pickup adult fleas and eggs. The vibration from a good quality upright vacuum also helps in agitating or breaking any hidden flea eggs, which makes them vulnerable to chemical applications. It is best to dispose of the vacuum cleaner bag after vacuuming before the first treatment as fleas can live inside the bag. **Vacuuming should be done prior to treatment and 10 days following treatment.**

2. Spray all Floors and Under Furniture

All floor surfaces should be sprayed until soaking wet from wall to wall. No exceptions. Both a good quality growth regulator and residual spray should be used. Be prepared to remain out of the home for 5 hours. Children under 24 months and pests should remain out for 24 hours.

3. Fog or use Pyrethrin Inside To Kill Adult Fleas

The use of these materials provide a rapid knockdown of all adult fleas.

4. Flea Control Outdoors - Spray The Yard and Lawn

Fleas usually live in cool shaded areas close to moisture, under shrubs, trees, bare areas of ground, etc. They normally don't live in open grassy areas. A thorough spraying with a outdoors residual chemical does a good job outdoors. These products are also very effective against killing ticks, ants, roaches, spiders and most common bugs.

A growth regulator that causes the immature fleas to die and kills the eggs and is used indoors and outdoors combined with your sprays for the fleas is crucial to your outdoor flea or tick control program. \

5. Flea Control On Animals - Treat The Animals if you have them

In many cases dogs and cats are the most important part of the battle. Without them, the fleas cannot survive. We recommend having your dog or cat professionally treated by a Vet or as an option use Petcor, which contains a flea killer and a growth regulator. Dips and shampoos usually don't provide good control - and normally only work when they are wet. When they dry, the killing action is usually reduced or gone.

Spray the yard and the house every week until control is obtained. In order to kill the adult fleas you have to overcome the flea life cycle. Several applications may be needed before the adult fleas are killed.

You need professional quality products, to obtain the best flea control. Forget miracle over the counter items such as flea collars, flea traps, foggers, etc, as they seldom work. The products that we carry are not available in hardware stores and very few veterinarians.

Contact Baxter Pest Control today, for an appointment with a professional at (215) 844- 6646.