

Mite Control Service Prep & Aftercare Checklist (Illinois)

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Before Your Appointment

Prepare your home to help our experts work efficiently:

1. **Clear spaces** – Remove bedding, pillows, and clutter from around beds, sofas, and carpets.
2. **Bag delicate items** – Place stuffed toys, blankets, and fabrics in plastic bags for post-service washing.
3. **Open blinds & clear window sills** – Clover mites gather on sunny windows; clearing helps treatment access.
4. **Exterior prep** – Trim grass and plants touching your home's foundation; keep a small gravel strip around edges.
5. **Pets & aquariums** – Keep pets away during treatment. Cover fish tanks and turn off air pumps until areas are dry.
6. **Vacuum floors and window sills** lightly before the visit to reduce loose dust and allergens.



During the Service

What to expect while we work:

1. **Inspection first** – We focus on bedrooms, upholstery, window sills, and other mite-prone zones.
2. **Stay out of treated areas** until surfaces are completely dry (usually 2–4 hours).
3. **No bedding spray** – We never treat bedding directly; cleaning and heat treatment are safer and more effective.



After Your Service

Lock in long-term results with simple weekly habits:

1. **Wash bedding weekly in hot water (130°F / 54°C)** – Sheets, blankets, and pillowcases.
2. **Dry on high heat for at least 15 minutes** before regular drying to kill mites and eggs.
3. **Use zippered encasements** on pillows and mattresses to trap and block dust mites.
4. **HEPA vacuum weekly** – Focus on carpets, mattresses, upholstery, and window sills.
5. **Keep humidity below 50%** using air conditioning or dehumidifiers.
6. **Avoid dry dusting** – Use damp cloths to prevent mites and allergens from becoming airborne.
7. **Soft toys & fabrics** – Wash weekly on hot or tumble-dry on high for at least 15 minutes.
8. **Vacuum (don't smear)** any clover mites you see; crushed mites may stain walls.
9. **Seal exterior gaps and cracks** to prevent re-entry from clover or bird mites.



Ongoing Maintenance Tips

- Maintain your **weekly wash + HEPA vacuum routine**.
- **Inspect window sills and corners monthly** for new mite activity.
- **Check and re-seal tiny foundation cracks** each season.
- **Trim vegetation** near your home to limit outdoor mite migration.



Safety Reminders

- Always follow **product label directions** for re-entry times.
- Wait until treated areas are **arid** before returning.
- If fogging was performed, **ventilate rooms** after 2–4 hours before reoccupying.

- Keep children and pets out of treated areas until you're told it's safe.



Pro Tip from Perfect Pest:

Consistent cleaning, humidity control, and sealed entry points are the **best long-term defense** against dust mites, clover mites, and allergen buildup.



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