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Advice to Householders - Flea Treatment

The use of insecticides in the UK is covered by statutory controls and, consequently, those selected for their effectiveness against flea infestations have been approved for use in all domestic properties. Furthermore our pest control technicians in accordance with regulations are fully trained and hold industry recognised qualifications, and will carry out a specific hazard / risk assessment before commencing treatment.

Customer advice......

Your co-operation is requested in adopting the following precautions to minimise any risks to occupants and pets. Please see overleaf for areas treated

Flea Treatment – you will have been asked prior to treatment to thoroughly vacuum yor property if fitted with carpets and dispose of the contents in a sealed bag. It is important that children and pets are not allowed to return to the property until the insecticide has dried – which can be up to 4 hours.



Treatment consists of using water based residual insecticide applied by compression sprayer to floor surfaces and selected soft furnishings (not bedding). Aquatic life (fish tanks, etc) require covering or removal from the property due to susceptibility to insecticides.

On re-entry, it is advisable to vent the property allowing fresh air to circulate by opening windows and doors. In order to achieve control and break the flea life cycle it is recommended that carpeted areas or hard floor surfaces are not vacuumed or mopped for a period of two weeks following treatment. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in treatment failure.

You may see fleas several weeks after treatment – this is not unusual. The insecticide used is residual and will stay active, killing emerging fleas for many weeks after treatment or until removed through vacuuming or cleaning. If appropriate, it is recommended that pets are treated with a suitable veterinary product and pet bedding is washed at high temperature (60 degrees), which will kill all stages of the flea's life cycle. Failure to treat affected pets can again result in treatment failure and prolonged flea activity.