



## Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Killer Application Guide

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### Why Bed Bugs Can Be Difficult to Control:

- Bed bugs are tiny, flat and are experts at hiding by squeezing themselves into small cracks, crevices and other protected areas in a home. Bed bugs multiply quickly, producing 3 to 4 generations in one year. Their eggs are nearly invisible and are protected from insecticides.
- Bed bugs can remain well hidden and dormant for weeks between feedings and they can go for many months without a blood meal.
- Many strains of bed bugs are pesticide resistant and unaffected by the synthetic chemicals used in most common bed bug control products on the market.
- Unlike some pests, where you might tolerate having an occasional one here or there, with bed bugs, if they are in your home, you really need to kill every one of them.

### Why Use Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Killer:

- Independent research has proven it to be the most effective, longest lasting bed bug control product on the market.
- It contains an engineered silica dust composition that works by clinging to bed bugs, destroying their waxy cuticles, causing rapid dehydration and death. It literally sucks the life out of bed bugs. And when applied properly, it will provide fast control.
- It kills adult bed bugs and nymphs, including the ones that are resistant to the most commonly used synthetic chemical insecticides. Nymphs that hatch from dusted eggs, die within hours of hatching.
- It is odorless and has extremely low toxicity (if you're not a bug!). It is non-staining and easy to apply.
- It keeps working for up to 10 years if it is not removed or in a damp area.

### Before Applying Bed Bug Killer:

1. **Vacuum, vacuum, vacuum** – Try to physically remove as many bed bug adults, nymphs – those are the babies – and eggs as possible. Vacuum the infested rooms thoroughly. Vacuum the carpet, rugs and floor. Remove bedding and vacuum the mattress and box springs thoroughly, including the tufts and seams. Vacuum all upholstered furniture thoroughly including the cushions, under the cushions, seams and under the furniture. Vacuum in and around the nightstand, including removing the drawers and vacuuming inside. Vacuum along the baseboard around the bed. Vacuum everywhere that would make for a good hiding place for a bed bug. When you are done vacuuming, remove the bag, tie it shut in a trash bag and throw it away outside.



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2. **Eliminate clutter** – Clutter is a bed bug's best friend. It provides an infinite number of areas for bed bugs to hide.
3. **Remove items that are stored under the bed** – This also provides bed bugs additional areas to hide.
4. **Launder all the bedding**, clothes and other washable items that were in the clutter. A few minutes at 120 degrees, the typical medium or hot setting in a dryer, will kill bed bugs. So even if you can't wash something, you may be able to put it in the dryer. Leave it in the dryer for at least 15 minutes to insure it gets up to temperature.
5. Finally, and most important, **use Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Killer** in the infested rooms to get rid of the problem.

### Application Tips:

- **First**, it is important to remember that with Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Killer, a little goes a long way! This dust is very light which makes it easier to apply in all those hard to reach hiding places. But you only need to apply a little bit as that is all it takes to work. Over-applying the dust will not make it more effective, and will leave a heavy, messy white dust residue. Your goal is to leave a light, barely visible film. You only need to use 1/16 oz of the Bed Bug Killer dust to cover 3 sq ft. That is it!
- **Second**, using a craft or paint brush to push the dust into cracks and crevices, and into tufts and folds on mattresses, box springs and upholstered furniture is really useful. We also recommend wearing light latex or rubber gloves when applying Bed Bug Killer. The dust can dry out your skin. If this happens, wash with water and then apply some lotion.
- **Third**, be sure to perform all the application steps listed below. The treatment goal is to be as thorough as possible and to apply the Bed Bug Killer dust in all possible places where the bed bugs are hiding or will be traveling across as they move about. A thorough treatment is key to getting rid of every single bed bug.

### Step-by-Step Treatment:

1. **As previously mentioned, we highly recommend using a craft or paint brush for applying the dust in many areas to get that optimal light, barely visible application.** A 1 to 1 ½ inch angled paint brush works best. You will need to pour some Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Killer into a secondary container, like a small cup, dip the brush into the dust in the cup, and apply the dust using the brush. Remember, a little bit of the Bed Bug Killer dust goes a long way.
2. **The first area for treatment is the bed, and the first thing you need to do is to remove all bedding and take the bed itself apart.** That is because bed bugs can be found in all the little nooks and crannies on a bed frame.



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3. **After dismantling the bed, apply a light, barely visible film of Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Killer dust to the interior framework of the bed rails, headboard and footboard.** Also, apply the dust to all of the joints, cracks and screw holes in the bed frame.
4. **Next, it is time to treat the box springs and mattress.** Lightly apply the dust to all the seams around the entire box spring. Turn the box springs upside down and, using the squeeze bottle with the spout, find or make a small opening to the dust cover on the box spring to gain access to the inside void area of the box spring and apply the dust. Try to lightly apply the dust to as much of the void area inside the box spring as possible.
5. **Next is the mattress.** Very lightly apply the dust using the brush along all the seams on the outer edge of the mattress. Be sure to do both sides if it is a double sided mattress. Then apply using the same application method to any tufts and folds. If you apply to the mattress, you should then use a mattress cover on the mattress since the dust can dry out your skin.
6. **If there is upholstered furniture in the room, remove the cushions and lightly apply the dust using the brush along all seams, folds and tufts on the cushions and the upholstered frame.** Be sure to turn the furniture on its side or upside down and apply the dust with the brush along all the edges and seams. Also apply to all cracks and joints on the furniture. Using the squeeze bottle, lightly apply the dust in the void area inside the upholstered furniture. You should be able to access this void area in the gaps between the staples that hold the dust cover fabric in place on the underside of the furniture, or in existing holes in that dust cover fabric.
7. **Use the puffer bottle to lightly puff the dust under the bed, and under upholstered furniture, dressers and nightstands.**
8. **Next, lightly apply the dust using the brush to all cracks and crevices along the baseboards under and close to the bed and any other areas where there are visible signs of bed bug activity.**
9. **If you notice bed bug activity in the carpet or rug in the infested room, use the squeeze bottle and lightly apply the dust to areas adjacent to the walls closest to the bed and/or where bed bug activity has been detected.** It is also good to lightly puff the dust around the edges of the room along the baseboard, particularly if bugs might be in adjacent rooms or apartments. Also, apply to the carpet underneath the bed.
10. **You should also treat wall voids in close proximity to the bed by removing electrical switch plate covers to gain access to the wall void.** Using the squeeze bottle, apply ¼ oz of dust to each accessible void. Do not apply the dust directly in electrical boxes.
11. **Bed bugs are not repelled by Maggie's Farm Bed Bug Dust. They crawl through it when they are moving around, and die typically 8-36 hours after they contact it.** So you don't have to be worried about contacting every single bed bug directly with the dust, but the more thoroughly you apply it, the faster you'll get results.