Flea & Tick Prevention Checklist For Vacant Units

To achieve an effective flea or tick service, the following steps are required in preparation for service.

CUSTOMER PREPARATION:

- ❑ _____ Once a unit is empty of all furniture except appliances, carpets will be vacuumed before and after any cleaning is done and the unit will be void of dust, litter, etc. and floors below appliances will be clean.
- ❑ _____ When cleaning, attention should be given to cracks along the edge of walls and under baseboards if possible. Vacuuming removes flea eggs, feces (food for the larvae) and some adult fleas/ticks. The vibrations of the vacuum may stimulate fully developed flea adults (that are still in the pupal casing) to emerge. Tucking pants legs into socks and applying insect repellent will keep fleas and ticks from biting during clean-up.
- ❑ _____ After vacuuming when fleas are present, discard the vacuum bag and contents. This is best done by taking the vacuum outside, removing the vacuum bag/contents and then sealing in a plastic garbage bag.
- ❑ _____ Turn off the HVAC system prior to treatment.

SERVICE: **If the above preparations are not complete the areas of need will be noted on a copy of this form or Customer Service Report and the service rescheduled.**

- ❑ ____ **If preparations have been completed the Technician will provide the curative service according to the Massey Services protocol for Fleas or Ticks.**

AFTER MASSEY'S SERVICE:

- ❑ ____ People and pets **must** remain out of treated areas until all surfaces are dry. People and pets may move in after this time.
- ❑ ____ Vacuum and clean floors **daily** to encourage maturing flea cocoons from the last generation to emerge.

Ticks: Ticks can hide in cracks and crevices for months without a blood meal and finally exit one at a time once they are ready to feed. Because ticks can remain in hiding for months, occasional tick sightings may occur months following elimination. Residents with pets should get their pets monthly preventative veterinary treatments to prevent re-infestation. Residents encountering ticks after moving in should vacuum or tape up the last few ticks that may emerge in the months following a tick treatment.

Fleas: Flea cocoons cannot be killed because their shells are too thick for materials to pass through them. The cocoons cannot be vacuumed up because they are cemented to floor areas. Cocoons take a number of weeks to develop and emerge. Matured fleas finally emerge upon normal vibrations and activity of humans or animals that emit CO_2. When new residents move in with pets, flea-treated pets gather newly hatched fleas daily that feed and die, so people are not bothered by fleas. However, if a unit remains vacant for a few days following cleanup and treatment, and/or residents without pets move in, fleas will emerge and bite people. New residents or whoever vacuums daily should be prepared to use insect repellant on legs and exposed skin to prevent flea bites during this emergence period.

- ❑ ____ Expect to see some flea activity daily until all fleas have emerged from the last generation of cocoons. This emergence may take weeks, depending upon the number of cocoons that developed from the past resident who allowed fleas to breed in the unit.
- ❑ ____ Keep grass cut and weeds removed from areas pet(s) frequent. Call Massey's GreenUp should outdoor flea/tick treatments be necessary.

The initial service will eliminate the majority of the adult flea or tick population in the unit. Due to hatching of remaining cocoons, activity usually continues following the service. Emerging fleas and ticks will be eventually controlled by the materials placed in the treated areas. Massey Services will return once a week to inspect and retreat until the flea or tick infestation is eliminated.

All services are performed in accordance with EPA approved label instructions of the product(s) used, and in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws.

Should you have any questions, please contact our Service Center ___(_____)_____

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Service Technician/Sales Inspector Date Customer Date

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