What are bedbugs?
Bedbugs are a pest becoming more frequent in recent years. They are small oval blood-feeding insects. Eggs are the size of a pinhead, while juveniles and adults can be up to 3/16” long. Generally they hide during the day, and feed at night. Unfortunately bedbugs can survive for months without feeding, which can promote their persistence in area.

How do bedbugs infest an area or spread?
Bedbugs are wingless and crawl or “hitchhike” to move to a different location. So moving objects from an infested area has the likely results of spreading the bedbugs to the new area. Furniture and luggage are common objects that bedbugs can “hitchhike” on.

How are bedbugs controlled?
A thorough insecticide application is required to control bedbugs, but an area must be properly prepared if the treatment is to have a worthwhile effect. Time must be given for treatment to work as bedbugs may only come out to feed once a week and not contact insecticide until that time.

What preparation is required before a bedbug insecticide application?
• Mattresses and couches must have all linens and bedding removed and laundered.
• Clean all miscellaneous items from the floor and launder if possible.
• Remove all items, including drawers, from bureaus, nightstands, trunks etc. so they can be treated thoroughly
• Vacuum to remove any dead insects present.
• Remove headboard, electric outlet and switch plates so those harborages can be treated. (Students should only unplug their computers, clocks, etc. and the technician will remove the switch plates.)
• Occupants of a room should not be moved to another untreated room as this can spread an infestation. If a customer demands a new room, it must be treated first to minimize the likely bedbug problem being spread.

What are the consequences of not preparing?
Preparation by the customer is a must as treatment will most likely be negated by improper preparation.

How long will it take to control the bedbugs?
Effect of the application may be noticed in a couple of days, but complete control may take weeks and additional insecticide applications depending upon infestation level and thoroughness of preparation.