

Before your home is treated with a fumigant, all consumable items in unsealed containers (such as food, medicine, pet food, beverages and candy) need to be protected in special bags or removed from the structure. Check with your pest management professional to find out which method is recommended for you.

What to bag or remove

YES, bag or remove these items:

Medicine, tobacco, vitamins and other ingestible pills, supplements and lozenges if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal jars or cans with the original manufacturer's seal intact



Pet food and animal feed in bags and boxes



Any food, feed, drugs and medicines if not sealed in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact



Chips, pasta, bread, cereals, rice, cookies, crackers and any other items packaged in plastic, paper or cardboard bags or boxes, even if they have never been opened



Beverages, snacks, sauces, drugs, medicines or other items in metallic foil-lined containers such as pouches, boxes or blister packs



Anything in resealable containers, including plastic containers, such as milk, butter, sour cream and cottage cheese



Eggs, fruits, vegetables and any other forms of produce



Don't forget about these items:

- Any food, feed, drugs, tobacco products and medicinals NOT sealed in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the original manufacturer's airtight seal intact.
- Spices without their original manufacturer's airtight seal intact.

Examples to guide you as you prepare for fumigation:

NO need to bag or remove these items:

- Any food, feed, drugs, tobacco products and medicines if **sealed** in glass, plastic or metal bottles, jars or cans with the **original manufacturer's airtight seal** intact (examples: unopened 2-liter soda/pop, liquor, beer or wine bottles).
- Dental hygiene products (including toothpaste, mouthwash, dental adhesives and whitening products).*
- Shampoo and soaps.*
- Cosmetics, including lipstick.*
- All externally applied lotions and ointments.*
- Water and ice cubes.*

*Includes opened containers

Make sure to check:

- ☐ Cupboards
- ☐ Refrigerator(s)
- ☐ Freezer(s)
- ☐ Kitchen or dresser drawers where food or medications may be stored
- ☐ Nightstands
- ☐ Children's rooms
- ☐ Office desk drawers
- ☐ Medicine cabinet(s)
- ☐ Liquor cabinet(s)
- ☐ Pantries or bulk food storage areas in the garage or basement

What you'll need

If you're bagging items so they can stay in the home:

- You will use Nylofume® bags, which are specially designed to protect your unsealed food and medicines. They are available from your pest management professional.

If you're removing items from the home, the following might be helpful:

- Plastic containers with lids to store food
- Plastic bins or totes for nonperishables

It is the responsibility of the homeowner to have all items on this checklist done before the crew arrives. Failure to do so may postpone the fumigation. Confirm necessary activities and timing with your pest management professional.

All items such as food, feed, drugs (including tobacco) and medicines not adequately packaged (including those items in refrigerators and freezers) must either be removed from the structure being fumigated or sealed in protective Nylofume® bags. The Nylofume bags should be “doubled-up” before you fill them with items that need protection.

HOW TO USE NYLOFUME® BAGS



Please follow these instructions carefully

1. While bags are still empty, place one inside another. Double-bagging helps ensure effective protection.



2. Place items inside the inner bag. Do NOT overfill — leave clearance on top for adequate closure of the bags.



3. Twist the top of the inner bag.



4. Fold once and secure the fold in place by using tape or a twist tie.



5. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 with the outer bag.



6. Check the seal by pressing gently against the sides of the bag and listening for air leaks. No air should be able to escape.





Helpful tips

- Try not to purchase extra food from the grocery store. The more food you have, the more you will need to bag or remove.
- Cold and frozen foods in Nylofume® bags can be left in the refrigerator and freezer. Remove shelves from the refrigerator and freezer to make it easier to stack bags inside.
- Do not use Nylofume bags to store clothing, toys or other nonedible items prior to fumigation. The fumigant completely aerates from these items, so it is unnecessary to place them in bags.

Fumigaton Basics:

Bugmasters will contact the gas company to have the gas shut off. Homeowners or occupants must schedule to have their gas turned back on. When scheduling your gas to be turned back on, you should contact the Gas Company 48 hours in advance.

All living things (i.e. plants, animals, fish) must be removed from the property before fumigation.

Access must be provided to all rooms, garages and attics. Vehicles must be removed from garages.

For structures on property lines, neighbors consent form must be signed prior to fumigation.

All baby mattresses must be removed and plastic covers removed from all furniture.

At least 48 hours notice is required to schedule fumigation with the gas company. (Long Beach requires at least 1 work week).

Notify neighbors about the fumigation date so they can secure their outside cats.

Plants need to be trimmed back from structure approximately 10-12 inches for fumigation tarps. Heavy watering of plants around the house is recommended the day before fumigation.

Any valuables should be removed from the property prior to fumigation. All drawers, cabinets, etc. must be left unlocked and open to prevent air pocketing.



FUMIGATION FACTS CHECKLIST

- ☐ **THE GAS COMPANY WILL ARRIVE BETWEEN 7AM TO 12PM**
Any locked gates must be open or the gas technician will not shut off your gas. This will delay your fumigation. Our fumigation crew will arrive between the hours of 10AM to 5PM. If requested, we can text or call you approximately one hour before the crew arrives at your property. If your fumigation is scheduled for a Saturday start, your gas will be turned off the day before between 12PM to 5PM.
- ☐ **MAKE SURE YOU'VE SCHEDULED YOUR GAS TURN ON**
It is the responsibility of the homeowner to schedule a gas turn-on appointment. The gas company can be reached at (877) 238-0092. We recommended calling the gas company 48 hours in advance of the desired date to be scheduled. Long Beach residents contact Long Beach Gas (562) 570-2000
- ☐ **ALL FOOD IS PREPARED AND STORED IN NYLOFUME BAGS**
To prepare for fumigation please refer to the fumigation instructions notice. Make sure all food is prepared in the provided nylofume bags. Any food not properly prepared will have to be thrown away. Twenty bags are included in your fumigation estimate. Additional bags are available at \$1 per bag.
- ☐ **KEEP ELECTRICITY TURNED ON AT THE PROPERTY**
The fumigation crew will need active electrical power at the property during the whole fumigation process. This is needed to power the fans and circulate the air to complete the aeration of the property. If power is not active it will delay the fumigation.
- ☐ **FUMIGATION OVER THE WEEKEND - NO SUNDAYS**
Bugmasters does not work on Sundays. If your fumigation begins on a Friday or Saturday an extra night out of the home will be needed to complete the process. Jobs that start on Friday are finished Monday. Jobs that start on Saturday are finished on Tuesday.
- ☐ **REMOVE VALUABLES, UNLOCK CABINETS / CLOSETS**
During the fumigation any cabinet drawers / closets / storage cabinets etc. will need to be opened to prevent gas "pocketing" and ensure home will be safe for re-entry. Due to recent increases of crime in Southern California we recommend any personal valuables or important documentation be removed from the home prior to fumigation. If you live in an area susceptible to burglary, we recommend contacting a security patrol service.
- ☐ **FUMIGATION CERTIFICATION TIMES 8AM TO 12PM**
On the last day of fumigation, the tent will be removed and home will be certified for re-entry. A notice will be posted on the front door of the property that certifies the home is ready. If requested, we can text you approximately one hour before the crew arrives at your property.
- ☐ **NO CLEANING OR AIRING OUT REQUIRED**
The fumigant gas does not leave any residual. It is not necessary to wipe down or wash any counter-tops, dishes, laundry etc. There is no need to air out the property any additional time. Once residence is certified for re-entry it is completely safe for anyone to enter the property.

**ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE LET US KNOW
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