

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR DUST COLLECTION



## The Allergen Detective KIT

### THIS KIT CONTAINS

- ✓ One dust collector trap that attaches to the hose of your upright or canister vacuum
- ✓ An identification label
- ✓ A sticker to seal the dust collector trap
- ✓ A zippered plastic bag
- ✓ Pre-addressed envelope to send sample to [stopallergy.com](http://stopallergy.com)
- ✓ An envelope for you to address and mail with the dust sample. Your written report of the dust analysis will be returned in this envelope.

#### VACUUMING GUIDELINES:

Dust sampling should be performed in the bedroom initially. Other areas of the home, such as the family room, where most people also spend a considerable amount of time should be tested separately.

#### THIS ANALYSIS REQUIRES THAT AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF DUST IS COLLECTED, THEREFORE, FOLLOWING THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS ESSENTIAL.

Remove all blankets and sheets from the bed before vacuuming. If protective encasements are over the mattress, they should not be removed. Vacuum for at least two minutes at each of the following sites:

- The surface of the mattress over at least a six foot by six foot area (vacuum the entire mattress if the surface area is smaller).
- After vacuuming the bed, vacuuming should also be performed for two minutes on the floor alongside the bed, even if no carpet covers the floor.
- Vacuuming for two minutes should also be performed on the floor adjacent to any major items of furniture in the bedroom.

After vacuuming has been completed as instructed, check the dust trap to see if it is at least half full. If it is not at least half full, then repeat vacuuming at each site for an additional five minutes.

After vacuuming is completed, remove the dust collector trap from the vacuum hose. Complete the enclosed identification label. **MAKE SURE TO CLEARLY PRINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE, DATE OF THE VACUUMING AND THE ROOM VACUUMED.**

Fold the flap of the dust collector trap over twice and seal it with the enclosed sticker. Affix the identification label to the dust collector trap. Place the dust trap into the zippered plastic bag and seal it. Insert the zippered bag containing the labeled dust collector trap into the pre-addressed envelope to [stopallergy.com](http://stopallergy.com).

#### EACH ADDITIONAL DUST SAMPLE OF ANOTHER ROOM SHOULD BE COLLECTED USING A SEPARATE DUST TRAP.

If sampling of another room is desired, follow the method for dust collection as described below.

Family or living room vacuuming should be conducted for at least two minutes over a large carpeted area. Vacuum upholstered chairs or sofas over as large of an area as possible for two minutes. Process the additional sample in the same way described above for the bedroom sample and mail the dust collector traps with the bedroom dust sample as described above. A full report detailing the amount of dust mite, cat, dog, cockroach and mold allergen levels in the room sampled will be mailed to you within two to four weeks.

If you have any questions about the analysis of these samples, contact us via e-mail at [service@stopallergy.com](mailto:service@stopallergy.com), call [stopallergy.com](http://stopallergy.com) toll-free at 877-566-3786, or write to [stopallergy.com](http://stopallergy.com) at 9525 Kenwood Road, Suite 7, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242.

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Remove any attachments at the end of the hose of your vacuum cleaner.

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Insert the dust collector trap into the hose.

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Fold the flap down around the outside of the hose.

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Attach the desired vacuum cleaner accessory to the hose to secure the folded down portion of the dust collector.

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Follow vacuuming guidelines to the left.

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