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WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE FUMIGATE

The fumigation will begin as early as 8:00 a.m. or possibly as late as 4:00 or 5:00 in the afternoon. The exposure period is determined by the fumigator. The average exposure is approximately 24 hours. The fumigators may return to take down the fumigation later in the afternoon even if it was done early the previous day. This is usually due to the fumigator's scheduled jobs to be performed that day. The approximate time of arrival on either day may be obtained that morning by calling our office. These times are approximate and do not constitute an appointment time, as each job the fumigator performs may take more or less time than expected.

Upon your return to the structure, all of the fumigant will have been ventilated from the structure and the interior tested with an accurate testing device to ensure that the structure is safe for reoccupancy. However, under certain conditions such as cool or damp weather, the warning agent Chloropicrin may still be present in very small amounts. The fumigant is odorless and that is the reason for the use of the Chloropicrin. Without the warning agent present, a person would not know that they were in the presence of the fumigant. If you detect a slight burning in your eyes (similar to freshly cut onions) or irritation of your nose and throat, you are detecting the Chloropicrin warning agent. Although the effects of Chloropicrin are irritating, there is little risk of harm. This is similar to the material that soldiers in boot camp are exposed to during their training. So if you do notice this condition upon return, you do not need fear that you are being poisoned, but we suggest that you stay out of the structure for an extra night to avoid unnecessary irritation. The fumigation will NOT leave any film or residue so there is no need to wash or clean dishes or other articles.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to call our office or any of the state agencies listed on the "Occupants Fumigation Notice."

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