



Creating a germ free hotel room

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If you suffer from allergies and travel on business or pleasure, you know going to a hotel room can be a miserable experience. Guests check out but leave behind traces of cologne, deodorant, even feathers, dust and mold. Now two companies are converting hotel rooms across the country into allergy free, germ free environments.

Pollen, mold, cats, even spinach, you name it, Tim Dagit 's allergic to it. " I take Clarinex every day and I have a nasal spray as well," he says.

When it 's time for Tim to head to a hotel, his pre-travel routine is nothing to sneeze at.

" I add the Sudafed and the eardrops. I call ahead and I ask them to remove the feathers from the room, " says, Dagit.

Now some hotels are offering a so-called pure room. A company called Pure solutions has converted rooms in over thirty hotels nationwide, from Buffalo to New York to Miami and San Francisco.

" We take a seven step process that converts an existing hotel room as you see it into a very healthy, allergy-friendly environment, " says Brian Brault of Pure Solutions.

That seven step process promises to cut down on things like bacteria, pollen and dust.

" The very first thing we do is clean and sanitize the air

handling system. We then install a tea tree oil cartridge, " says Brault.

The company claims it 's a natural disinfectant. The, the room is shocked with a four hour ozone treatment that, according to the company, kills any remaining odor and bacteria.

" I was shocked at how effective it was, " says Dagit.

A special mist is also applied to all surfaces as a bacterial shield.

" The bacteria cannot adhere itself to any surfaces and therefore, it can 't get to a food source and dies, " according to Brault.

Environmental Technology Solutions takes a different approach with its enviro-rooms.

" We actually went from the beginning and completely gutted the room, " says company spokesman, Nick Nardella.

They replaced rugs with hardwood floors, and window treatments with wooden panels and blinds.

" So the person that checked out before you, the hair spray, the deodorant, the cologne, is not going to be absorbed in the carpet, not going to be absorbed in the drapes, " explains Nardella.

You 'll also find allergy-friendly bedding and air purification systems, but does it work?

" It works great. Didn 't have any of the usual symptoms I have when sleeping in a hotel room, " claims Dagit.