



ERADICON PEST MANAGEMENT BED BUG INFO GUIDE FOR MANAGERS

The Problem

Bed bugs have a reputation of being very difficult to get rid of. They thrive because of their ability to spread quickly through hitch hiking, reproducing rapidly, and laying up to 500 eggs in a female's lifetime. They are also good at finding hiding places making them harder to control. In multi-family buildings bed bugs also have a higher risk to transfer between units. **As a manager it is important to take a swift and determined response to prevent the issue from spreading.**

The Solution

Bed bug treatments and products have come a long way, and if an infestation should occur, don't panic! A successful treatment is definitely possible.

A bed bug treatment is much more than just applying products. Our goal with a treatment is to treat and clear the bed frame of any bed bugs on our initial visit. We encase the mattress and box spring with a protective cover to prevent any bed bugs that may be inside from exiting and re-infesting. We then place the feet of the bed frame into bed bug interceptors which will prevent any survivors from climbing back up onto the bed. This is why we recommend removing clutter from around the bed frame and keeping it pulled back from the wall a few inches. We also treat cracks and crevices with a special device. If any bed bugs survive our treatment, they will likely be caught in the interceptors later. We always come back to do a second treatment to make sure everything was successful.

Bed Bug Facts

- A common myth is that bed bugs are not visible. This is not true – they are about the size and shape of an apple seed.
- Dirt and grime do not attract bed bugs. They can be introduced into a clean apartment and begin reproducing.
- Bed bugs feed only on human blood. They do not transmit disease. They can live up to 100 days without a blood meal.
- About 1 in 3 people have no reaction to bed bug bites, which is why more time may pass before the infestation is noticed.
- Bed bugs are attracted to the CO2 from our breath which is the reason they are drawn out at night while we sleep.
- Bed bugs are more likely to hitchhike on personal items like bags and boxes, than cross through the walls.

What to expect

- The first step is to schedule an inspection. We have better success if we know what accessories we will need and can give some directions directly to the resident. An inspection report can be provided if requested.
- The treatment should be scheduled as soon as the residents can perform all the tasks on the prep sheet.
- The first treatment involves applying a liquid product to the baseboards and floor as well as treating the bed frame and other furniture.
- We will install bed bug interceptors under the bed frame and encase the mattresses.
- A second treatment will be scheduled 2 weeks out. This treatment involves applying a dust in the crevices.
- If the residents have followed the prep correctly, a 90-day guarantee will be given which includes follow ups.

What you can do

- Please make sure the resident has a copy of the prep sheet and has followed through with the instructions before we arrive to perform the treatment.
- If there are heavily infested items which we recommend being removed, please make sure this has been done prior to us arriving for the treatment. If not, the treatment may need to be rescheduled.
- Please let us know if you need us to provide a bed frame. If the resident continues to sleep on the floor, the guarantee will be voided.

What the resident can do

- Follow all instructions in the preparation guide and be prepared to leave for 3 hours after the treatment.
- Remove infested furniture prior to treatment. These may also be wrapped in plastic and stored for 4 months.
- Keep the beds from touching the wall after treating.
- After the treatment, inform management of any bugs, bug bites, or signs such as cast skins or spotting.