



# ERADICON PEST MANAGEMENT

## BED BUG INFO GUIDE

### FOR MANAGERS

#### THE PROBLEM

Bed bugs can be challenging to eliminate because they spread quickly, hide well, and reproduce rapidly. In multi-family buildings, they can easily transfer between units. Quick, decisive action by management is essential to keep the problem from spreading.

#### BED BUG FACTS

- Bed bugs are **visible**—about the size and shape of an apple seed.
- They are **not attracted to filth** and can infest both dirty and clean homes.
- They feed only on human blood, **do not transmit disease**, and can survive **100 days** without feeding.
- A female bed bug can lay up to **500 eggs** in her lifetime.
- About **1 in 3 people do not react** to bites, delaying detection.
- They are attracted to **CO<sub>2</sub>**, which is why they feed at night.
- They spread mainly by **hitchhiking on belongings**, and less through walls.

#### THE SOLUTION

Bed bug control has improved significantly, and a successful treatment is possible.

Our goal for a successful treatment includes:

- **Treating the baseboards, floors, outlets and other cracks/crevices** in the home with specialized tools.
- **Treating the bed frame** and other furniture.
- **Installing accessories** such as mattress/boxspring encasements, and bed bug interceptors beneath the feet of the bed frames to prevent reinfestation.

#### TREATMENT PLAN

Our goal is to eliminate the maximum amount of bed bugs during the treatments and set up the bed frame so that bed bugs do not have access back onto the bed. If any bed bugs survive, they will be caught in the interceptors under the feet of the bed frame.

- **Initial treatment:** This includes a liquid treatment of the baseboards and floors, and a ULV (ultra-low volume) treatment of baseboards, outlets, furniture and other cracks/crevices with a special device. All accessories will be installed during this treatment.
- **Second treatment:** This is scheduled out 2 weeks from the initial treatment and includes a re-inspection and re-application of product. This is typically a dry treatment where dust product is applied to the cracks/crevices of the home.
- **Follow-up treatment:** A follow-up treatment may be necessary. If instructions have been followed, a 90-day guarantee will include follow-up treatments.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Step 1:** Schedule an inspection to determine what accessories and unit specific prep will be required.
- **Step 2:** Schedule the initial treatment once the pre-treatment preparation has been completed:
  - Ensure they received and followed the prep guide.
  - Have infested furniture removed if recommended.
  - Let us know if they will need a bed frame.
  - Make sure that post-treatment prep is followed.

#### WHAT THE RESIDENT CAN DO

- Complete all pre-treatment instructions (see guide) and be prepared to leave for 4 hours.
- Follow the post-treatment instructions (see guide).
- Report any live bed bugs or new bites promptly.