

WHAT TO DO TO MANAGE BED BUGS

BED BUGS INFEST ONLY A SMALL PROPORTION OF RESIDENCES, BUT SHOULD BE SUSPECTED IF RESIDENTS COMPLAIN OF BITES THAT OCCURRED WHILE SLEEPING. THE BEDROOM AND OTHER SLEEPING AREAS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY EXAMINED FOR BED BUGS AND SIGNS OF BED BUG ACTIVITY.

CAREFULLY INSPECT THE BED FRAME, MATTRESS, AND OTHER FURNITURE FOR SIGNS OF BED BUGS AND THEIR EGGS.

REDUCE CLUTTER TO LIMIT HIDING PLACES FOR BED BUGS.

THOROUGHLY CLEAN THE INFESTED ROOMS AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THE HOME. SCRUB INFESTED SURFACES WITH A STIFF BURSH TO DISLUDGE EGGS, AND VACUUM TO REMOVE BUGS FROM CRACKS AND CREVICES. DISMANTLING BED FRAMES WILL EXPOSE ADDITIONAL BUG HIDING SITES. REMOVE DRAWERS FROM DESKS AND DRESSERS AND TURN FURNITURE OVER (TO INSPECT & CLEAN ALL HIDING SPOTS).

MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS CAN BE PERMANENTLY ENCASED WITHIN SPECIAL MATTRESS BAGS. ONCE INSTALLED, INSPECT THE BAGS TO ENSURE THEY ARE UNDAMAGED; IF ANY HOLES OR TEARS ARE FOUND, SEAL WITH PERMANENT TAPE (ANY BUGS TRAPPED WILL DIE).

TO PREVENT BED BUGS FROM CRAWLING ONTO A BED, PULL THE BED FRAME AWAY FROM WALL, TUCK SHEETS & BLANKETS SO THEY DON'T CONTACT THE FLOOR, AND PLACE THE FRAME LEGS INTO DISHES OR CUPS OF MINERAL OIL.

STEAM

IF YOU HAVE A STEAM CLEANER - HEAT WILL KILL ONLY THE ONES WHICH ARE SPRAYED WITH THE STEAMER, IT WILL NOT KILL THE HIDDEN ONES (AS THE CHEMICALS WILL).

HEAT

WASHING ALL CLOTHES IN HOT WATER WILL KILL ANY BED BUGS ON THE CLOTHES.

GLUE TRAPS

YOU CAN PUT GLUE TRAPS UNDER THE BED POST, UNDER DRESSER & COUCH LEGS, ETC., THIS WILL CATCH & KILL THEM UNTIL YOUR UNIT IS TREATED.