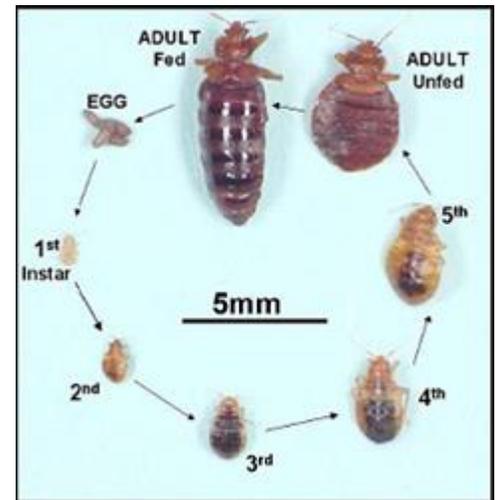


BED BUG TENANT FACT SHEET

Due to lack of education, travel practices, second hand items and overnight guests, bed bugs are becoming a large problem in residences of all kinds, not just hotels. This includes apartments, single family homes, dorm rooms, shelters and cruise ships.

WHAT ARE BED BUGS?

Bed bugs are small, brownish red insects that feed on human blood. Adult bed bugs are 1/4 inch long with reddish-brown, oval, flat bodies. They are often active at night and will be seen in cracks and crevices, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, furniture, floors, or walls. They cant always be seen and are not very detectible in the early stages. Bed bugs are not known to spread disease. Many people develop an itchy, skin welt a day after the bite which medically are limited to itching and



How Does a Bed Bug Infestation Occur?

Bed Bugs are usually brought into a home unknowingly. They are carried in on luggage, clothing, beds & furniture, especially used beds and sofas. Once they are inside the home, they easily spread within rooms and can live for up to 6 months without a meal

How Do I Prevent Bed Bugs?

Be vigilant when traveling. Launder all clothing in HOT water and dry for 20-45 minutes on high heat upon your return. Reduce clutter in your apartment. Be aware of any used items brought into the home. Check your rental agreement for regulations on this. Contact your management immediately if you suspect you have bed bugs.

How Do I Know if My Home is Infested?

You may notice itchy welts on your skin areas such as the face, neck, shoulders, arms and legs. You may also see the bed bugs, small bloodstains on bedding or dark spots from their droppings. If you think you have seen bed bugs or have these symptoms, contact your management immediately . Under no circumstance should you self treat as you will repel them into wall voids

How Do I Get Rid of Bed Bugs?

First step is to notify your management immediately. Management will contact a licensed pest control company who will inspect your apartment to confirm the presence of bed bugs and provide the appropriate treatment plan. In the meantime, do NOT use any store bought remedies or throw away any infested furniture or belongings.