

## DISPOSAL OF BED BUG INFESTED MATERIALS

Discarding beds, bedding and furniture is NOT a sound approach to bed bug control as they can be easily re-infested. Furniture that is infested with bed bugs that cannot be salvaged needs to be disposed of in a manner that will prevent the further spread of bed bugs. In the process of removing a piece of furniture, bed bugs can escape into hallways and make their way into new apartments spreading the problem to new areas.

### *If you decide to throw out bed bug infested furniture*

- Do not throw away items or remove infested materials from your unit until this has been discussed with your pest control provider
- Take apart or damage the piece of furniture to ensure it cannot be reused.
- Be sure to damage or make a slash in any disposed mattresses or box springs to make them unusable
- If you are not using a professional hauler, be sure to shrink wrap furniture, bed frames and mattresses so that bed bugs cannot escape prior to removal from unit. Seal up any creases, folds or cracks with duct tape
- Small items and clothing should be double bagged and sealed tightly with duct tape
- All discarded materials need to be labeled "bed bugs" on each item in large writing
- It is recommended to have items taken from a professional hauler. Tell them it has bed bugs and schedule a pick up. Put out items right before pick up time, there will be less of a chance anyone else will take it home
- Do not make it possible for items to be reused, recycled or picked up from the dumpster or sidewalk.

