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Bed Bug Fact Sheet



KEY POINTS

- Bed bugs can be extremely difficult to detect. Proper diagnosis requires highly trained professionals.
- Bed bug services are very labor intensive and should only be conducted by highly trained professionals.
- Adult bed bugs are brown to reddish-brown, approximately 3/16-inch long, 1/8-inch wide, broadly oval, and flat.
- Proper service requires that ALL possible harborages are treated. This usually requires the complete cooperation of the customer to access all areas that need to be treated.
- Bed bug bites are essentially painless and often go unnoticed while the bugs are feeding. Reactions to bed bug bites can range from no reaction at all to a very severe allergic reaction and the level of reaction tends to vary depending on the person.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT BED BUGS

- Bed bugs occur world-wide and bridge all economic and social strata. Bed bug infestations in North America have become much more common over the past 10 years.
- Adult bed bugs are brown to reddish-brown, approximately 3/16-inch long, 1/8-inch wide, broadly oval, and flat. Immature bed bugs (nymphs) are tiny and appear translucent or pale in color. The eggs are pearly white in color and only 1 mm in length which makes them very difficult to detect with the naked eye.
- Inspections for bed bugs include looking for live bugs, shed exoskeletons and characteristic black stains created by fecal droppings.
- Bed bugs do not enter homes from the natural outdoor environment; instead they must be introduced into the home from a previously infested environment. They may be introduced by picking them up while traveling, bringing them into your home via used furniture, or brought in by guests.

STEPS TO PREVENT INTRODUCING AN INFESTATION INTO YOUR HOME:

- If you must bring used furniture into your home, inspect it first for evidence of bed bugs.
- [Inspect hotel / motel rooms](#) before staying there.
- Learn to recognize the signs and symptoms of bed bugs so that you can identify an infestation as early as possible.
- It is best to leave the treatment of bed bugs to trained professionals due to the complex nature of bed bug infestations.

STEPS TO TAKE IF YOU BELIEVE YOU MAY HAVE A BED BUG INFESTATION

- If you live in an apartment or other multi-family housing, contact property management immediately.
- If you live in a single family home, contact Bug Zero immediately for professional assistance.