



Warning



There has been a nationwide break out of Bed bugs. In order to protect yourself and your family please read below.

If you think you currently have an issue please call the **Housing Authority** **immediately 339-3491.**

Who is at risk of getting bed bugs?

Anyone who comes in direct contact with bed bugs can carry them into their homes in clothes, **second hand beds and bedding, furniture**, or suitcases. Infestations are not tied to unsanitary living conditions; even world-class hotels have reported bed bug problems.

How can I prevent bed bugs?

Preventing bed bugs can be difficult. Indirect measures can go a long way in controlling bed bugs: wash bedding and mattress pads, steam-clean mattresses, and clean furnishings. Prevent bed bugs from getting into residences by removing debris from around the house, repairing cracks in walls, and caulking windows and doors. Simple methods include coating the legs of beds with petroleum jelly or double-sided tape so bed bugs will not be able to climb onto the bed. **Do not get furniture from unknown sources such as dumpsters or furniture lying around, this furniture may already be infested and you will bring them into your apartment.**

How are bed bugs spread?

Bed bugs may be found in homes, motels, hostels, movie theaters, transportation depots, and rest rooms. **They may be accidentally moved** with clothes, suitcases, furniture, and other personal items. **Bed bugs may also be transported in second-hand or rental furniture.** Bed bugs do not fly or jump, but they move quickly over floors, walls, ceilings, and furniture.

What can I do if my residence is infested with bed bugs?

Complete elimination of a bed bug infestation may be difficult without the services of a knowledgeable Pest Control Service. It may even take as **many as five or more treatments** to gain control of an infestation. **Do-it yourself measures used by renters sometimes cause more problems than benefits.** Again please call the Housing Authority for assistance.