



Bed Bugs Resource Center

Letter to Send to Residents with Infestation

Dear Resident:

We have been informed that there is presently a bed bug issue within the building. We are taking the appropriate measures to resolve this problem however, bed bugs spread quickly, and we need your help in stopping and preventing this.

It is crucial that you notify management if you suspect bed bugs in your apartment. Bed bugs are flat oval-shaped, and red in color. They range in size from a poppy seed to an apple seed. Also be sure to report any signs of bed bug eggs (very small and clear in color), bed bug droppings (dark colored stains typically on mattresses or bedding), and small red bites on the skin.

If you believe that your apartment may have bed bugs, please let us know immediately. We will have your apartment inspected, and treated if necessary. In the mean time, there are several different ways to protect yourself and your apartment before pest control arrives.

- Pull your bed away from the wall.
- Put your clothes, bedding, and other items in the dryer on HIGH for 45 minutes. Remove them from dryer and put them directly into a sealed plastic bag.
- Maintain a clean apartment and vacuum on a regular basis.
- Do NOT attempt to treat the problem yourself. Pesticides and foggers will only cause the issue to spread.
- Do not immediately discard any mattresses, furniture, or other items that may be contaminated.

Please help us in preventing the spread of bed bugs in our building. Bed bugs are not a sign of dirtiness or poor hygiene; everyone is susceptible to this type of infestation. Therefore, it is crucial that management is notified at the first signs of bed bugs.

Help keep **[insert name of building/complex]** bed bug free!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns,
[insert name of building/complex] Management