Bed Bug Prevention and Control
in Multiple-Unit Apartment Dwellings

Instructions for Tenants Prior to Treatment for Bed Bugs

Be advised that good housekeeping practices have been shown to be the most successful means of preventing and eliminating bed bug infestations.

1. Tenants should immediately report suspected infestations of bed bugs or other pests to Management or other responsible personnel.

2. It is extremely important for tenants of infested units to follow the advice of Management and the Pest Management Professional's (PMP) guidelines on how to prepare their unit for a scheduled treatment.

3. On the day the PMP arrives to treat infested units, tenants should remove all bed linens and place them along with soiled clothing in plastic bags and launder them as directed below. All trash or clutter remaining in the unit must be bagged

4. Remove linens and soiled clothing from bags only prior to placing in washing machine. Reseal and properly dispose of used bags to prevent exit of any bed bugs that may remain inside bags. Wash all articles in HOT water with the appropriate amount of detergent, and dry on the HOTTEST setting. Place in <u>new</u> plastic bags immediately upon removal from the dryer and seal with a tie. Bags should only be opened to retrieve fresh articles, and immediately resealed.

5. Personal items that cannot be laundered (personal hygiene items, etc.) or clean clothing in drawers should be thoroughly checked for bed bugs and stored in sealed plastic bags. Do not replace bagged items in drawers as the furniture will be treated.

6. All clutter, debris, and garbage in the infested room should be placed into plastic bags and sealed. The bags should be labeled as "trash" and remain in the infested room for treatment by a PCO prior to disposal. Following the treatment, all bags containing trash must be sealed and placed in the appropriate trash receptacle.

Important recommendations for tenants to remember:

Established bed bug infestations are difficult to eliminate and the effective treatment of occupied units is extremely difficult. Tenants are responsible for keeping their units clean, and must do their best to reduce clutter and other unnecessary items after treatment, and maintain their units in as clutter-free condition as possible.

Clutter and trash not placed in bags for removal are a primary source of re-infestation of units.

All used furniture and other items must be thoroughly checked for bed bugs before being brought into the unit. It is highly recommended that tenants refrain from purchasing used furniture to prevent the spread of bed bugs.

Failure to comply with these recommendations may result in a citation from the local health department.

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