

BED BUGS

What you need to know

Bed bugs will grow up to 3/16" (4-5 mm) long which means you can see them with the naked eye pretty easily. When a bed bug is newly hatched it is flat and white. After a blood meal it will become plump and turn a reddish-brown color. After a meal a bed bug can live another 51 days without another meal.

A female bed bug can lay an average of 5 eggs a day. Egg sacks are white and 1 mm in size. If you look really hard you can find them in cracks, crevices, and fabric seams. It will take about 21 days for the eggs to hatch and they can live up to a year. So, a very small problem can turn into a pretty big problem in a few months.

Most people know they have bedbugs when they start to find bites and not everyone reacts to bites the same way. Some people will get big itchy welts and other people will not even know they were bitten.

Bed bugs do not just live in your bed. They can get into the bed frames, behind pictures hanging on the wall, closets, drawers, books, even into outlets in the wall.

What we do

We will use a number of products to kill those critters, including aerosols, dusts, and residual sprays. We will do as thorough a treatment as your preparation allows. That means we not only treat your bedroom but all the rooms in your home.

What you need to do

Prepare well! It may seem like a lot of work but the more work you do the better the payoff. Who wants to have to go through it more than once?

Do a LOT of laundry! You should try to wash everything you can wash. That includes pillows, stuffed toys, curtains and duffel bags. If you can't wash it but it fits in the dryer, put it through a cycle or two on the hottest setting you can. Heat kills.

If you want to steam clean furniture, especially leather furniture, do so before the treatment.

Vacuuming up the dead bugs can help you track new activity, and it's healthier for you too.

Mattress Encasements (Covers) can be put on your mattress and box spring to help protect the mattress from further activity and increase efficiency of the treatment. Yes, we do sell mattress and pillow encasements! Please phone or email for prices, you will be asked for the size of your mattress (twin, double, king, extra-long) including the thickness (6", 9", 11", 13" or 15"). Ask if free delivery is available in your area.