

Call or visit the Environmental Health Division of the Clark County Combined Health District for more information and...

- * Home Inspections by request from homeowners and occupants.
- * Education in home or over the phone.
- * Presentations
- * Training/Information
- * Identification of Bed Bugs
- * Make recommendations or referrals based on your individual needs.



Bed Bug Complaints:

- Hotel/motel complaints, contact the Fire Marshall's office at 614-728-5460.
- Landlord/tenant complaints, contact fair housing:
Springfield 937-324-7696
County 937-328-2498
- Nursing home complaints, contact the Ohio Department of Health at 1-800-342-0553

For Additional Information:

Ohio Department of Health:
<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/dis/zoonoses/vbdp/bedbug.aspx>

The Central Ohio Bed Bug Taskforce:
<http://www.centralohiobedbugs.com/>

To find a licensed Pest Control Company:

<http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaprs/pesterf-PRS-index.aspx>

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**Bed Bugs:
The Basics**



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<http://www.ccchd.com>

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What are some bed bug facts?

- Bed Bugs are insects that feed on human blood;
- they are about the size of an apple seed (1/4 to 3/8" long);
- they can survive for months without feeding;
- they are NOT known to transmit any disease to humans;
- they hitchhike on people, purses, used furniture and mattresses;
- they do not discriminate.
- they are most active at night while you are sleeping
- they can lay 1-7 eggs per day;
- A single female can produce about 110 eggs in her life.

GOODNIGHT, SLEEP TIGHT, DON'T LET THE BED BUGS BITE

How do I keep from getting bed bugs in my home?

- ◊ All secondhand furniture should be thoroughly inspected before bringing it home.
- ◊ Do not bring furniture or mattresses from unknown sources into your home.
- ◊ Check your child's backpack and everyone's clothing for bed bugs and their eggs daily.
- ◊ Check library books closely before bringing them into your home.
- ◊ Wash all new/used clothing in hot water (if applicable) and dry on high heat for 30 minutes after dry.

Where to look for Bed Bugs... (use a flashlight)

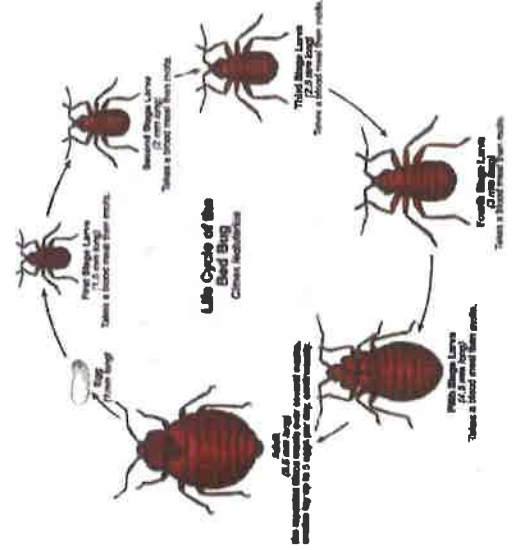
- Seams, creases and folds of upholstered furniture, mattresses and box springs.
- Cracks and crevices in bed frames, headboards and bedroom furniture.
- Between cushions of couches and chairs.
- Behind baseboards and around windows.
- Behind electrical plates, under loose wallpaper or paneling and behind picture frames and posters.
- In cracks and crevices in floors and walls.
- In books or magazines.
- Look for rusty spots and dark pellets (bed bug fecal matter) in these locations

What can I do to get bed bugs out of my home?

- ✓ Remove all clutter from your home.
- ✓ Vacuum furniture, mattresses and box springs with a nozzle attachment and vacuum floors and floor coverings. (Immediately remove the contents of the vacuum and place them in a sealed plastic bag and throw the bag away outdoors)
- ✓ Cover mattresses and box springs with Bed Bug-proof zippered covers
- ✓ Wash clothing, sheets, blankets and pillowcases in hot water (120° F).
- ✓ Dry clothing, sheets, blankets, pillowcases or anything else that can go in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes to kill bed bugs and their eggs.



Life Cycle of a Bed Bug



(Always follow instructions for use on any product you use.)

- ✓ Store cleaned clothing in plastic containers or hang in a closet to prevent further exposure to bed bugs and their eggs.
- ✓ Seal all cracks and crevices.
- ✓ Contact a licensed pest control company to begin treatment or use a pesticide approved for use against bed bugs.