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Bed Bug Control Tips

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING SIMPLE IDEAS TO HELP ACHIEVE BED BUG CONTROL.

Inspect, Inspect, Inspect

- Listen to occupants and carefully inspect the entire infestation area with a flashlight, to identify all pockets of infestation. Bed bugs have been found in uncommon places such as smoke detectors, books, electronic equipment, etc.

Develop a Treatment Plan

- Communicate the plan and expectations to the occupants. Always prioritize safety. Bed bug treatment usually requires more than one technician and often requires multiple visits.

Reduce Clutter

- Remove all items from floor, underside of bed, and closet floors. Inspect, treat or carefully dispose of all infested items.

Vacuum Thoroughly

- Vacuum all visible bed bugs. Move furniture 2-3 feet from wall. Vacuum carpet throughout room, beneath furniture and in closets. Add insecticide dust to vacuum bag before disposing.

Treat Along Carpet Edges

- Pull back carpet from the baseboard and dust or broadcast spray with an appropriate insecticide.

Cracks & Crevices; Wall Voids

- Treat all cracks and crevices, wall and furniture voids, behind picture frames, behind the bed headboard and all carpeted surfaces.

Spray Mattresses

- Broadcast spray mattress and box spring with alcohol-free, water-based insecticide approved for this use. Encase treated

mattresses and box springs after drying.

Wash & Dry on High Heat

- Launder all bed sheeting and clothing on high heat. Place items that cannot be laundered in dryer on high heat.

Learn more about MGK Bed Bug products such as Bedlam (<http://mgk.com/professional-pest-control/bed-bugs/bedlam/>), and Onslaught (<http://mgk.com/misting/backpack-misting/onslaught/>).

Additional Bed Bug Resources:

National Pest Management Association
(<http://www.pestworld.org/pest-world-blog/the-bed-bug-hub-one-stop-shop-for-bed-bug-information>)

University of Kentucky
(<http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef636.asp>)

The Ohio State University
(<http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/2000/2105.html>)

Penn State University
(<http://ento.psu.edu/extension/factsheets/bedbugs>)

Purdue University
(<http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publichealth/insects/bedbug.html>)

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