



BED BUGS

BED BUG FACTS-

Bed bugs are tiny blood-dependent insects that feed on humans, pets, chickens, or other animals. They feed at night or in the dark. They are less than 1/4 inch long, and have a flat, oval body. The reactions to bites usually become red, swollen, and itchy, and can be mild to severe. They are not known to spread any disease. They can live in furniture, cushions, mattresses, and walls in any home/apartment/hotel room. They get into the home through infested furniture, bedding, books, laundry or suitcases. They may also enter through water pipes, gutters, windows, walls, & electrical or other wall outlets.

SIGNS OF BED BUGS-

Indications of a bed bug infestation include tiny blood stains on walls, furniture, or sheets. Bites during the night are a good indicator of bed bugs. They emit an odor similar to the smell of fresh raspberries. They multiply rapidly and quickly can infest a home. If you notice signs, it is likely they are hiding in other places too. They can be hard to get rid of because they hide in small places like cording around mattresses, under buttons and in the seams of cushions. Check for signs in all bedding, draperies, furniture, cracks in the walls, and behind loose wall paper.

HOW TO RID THE HOME OF BED BUGS-

- HEAT kills bed bugs! All stages of the bed bug cycle can be killed with exposure for 7 minutes to temperatures greater than 115 degrees.
- Bed bugs & eggs can be vacuumed, using a nozzle in crevices, in bed frame, mattress, baseboards, and furniture in rooms. Have carpets commercially cleaned. Dispose of vacuum bags outside in trash.
- Wash all bedding, draperies, and clothing in hot water on a regular basis, placing them in a hot dryer for 20 minutes.
- Use insecticides to get rid of bed bugs that are hiding in walls or large objects. Use insecticides that contain “pyrethrins” as an active ingredient on the label. Follow label directions carefully on carpets, furniture, and walls.
- If you have attempted to rid yourself of bed bugs, and after 2 weeks, you still note signs of infestation, contact a pest control service.