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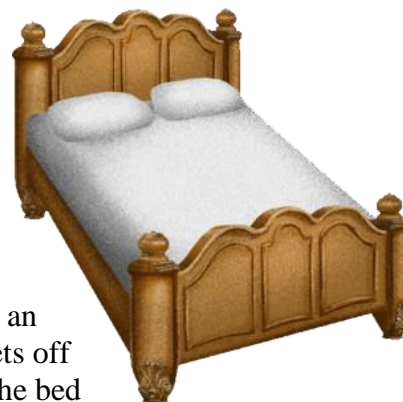
**BUG BUSTERS**

Olsen's Wasatch Exterminators

# BED BUG CONTROL

## DE-BUG BED FRAME/MATTRESS

Take the bed apart and clean every crack/crevice on the frame. Remove all bed bugs and eggs from the frame of the bed with cleaner and with a vacuum. Don't forget to empty the vacuum bag/canister each time. Anywhere you can slide a playing card in is a place where bed bugs can fit. Place box springs and mattress in BED BUG approved mattress covers (these mattress covers can be found at most stores that carry bedding or online.) Bed bugs can survive up to a year without feeding and these covers are thick enough that bed bugs cannot pierce through them. Leave the mattress covers on until problem subsides or longer. These covers should be removed and laundered regularly and when treated or inspected for bed bugs. Do not move mattress, box springs, or other furniture around without sealing in plastic furniture bags because there is a high probability of spreading the infestation.



## ISOLATE BED

Set the bed up at least six inches from walls, placing each leg of the bed in an interceptor. Remove any dust ruffles and be sure to keep sheets and blankets off the floor. If a pillow falls off the bed in the night, do not place it back on the bed until the pillow has been placed in the dryer. (See below) Do not place shoes, purses, backpacks, cases, or similar items next to or even near the bed. A bed bug could fall into these items or crawl to them and be carried away, thus spreading the infestation. These items may be cleaned via dry cleaning, washing/drying, vacuuming, or discard completely.



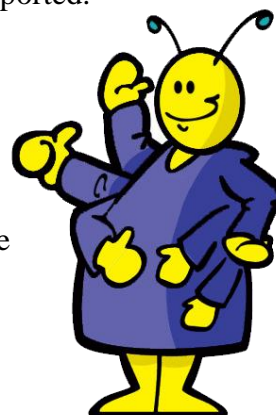
## DE-CLUTTER

Remove all items from the floor or furniture that could provide hiding places for bed bugs, not just items thought to be "Clutter." They will hide in ANY item that they can get in or under. Be sure the items are bed bug free before storing them in other areas.

Bed bugs can be spread easily without your knowledge. If a bag or purse was on the floor or near infested furniture, bed bugs could have crawled into it without your knowledge and can be transported.

## HITCHHIKERS

The dispersal of bed bugs is almost entirely passive. They rely largely on their hosts, including pets for dispersal. They are considered one of the most successful hitchhikers of the insect world, travelling quickly via furniture, baggage, boxes, suitcases, clothing, bedding, etc. In these cases cleaning is also required to eradicate.



## WASHER/DRYER TREATMENTS

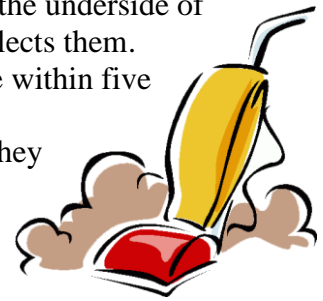


Heat will kill both bed bugs and their eggs. Place bedding, clothes and dryer safe belongings in the dryer on high (at least 120<sup>o</sup>) for at least 20 minutes. If you have an active infestation, place bedding in the dryer every morning for at least 2 weeks; this gives you the opportunity to check the mattress cover for bed bugs and their feces. If you are still being bitten, take the frame apart and clean again.

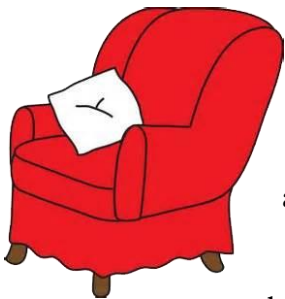
## VACUUMING

Start vacuuming. Focus on cracks and crevices where the baseboard meets the wall, where the carpet meets the baseboard, outlet covers, anything hanging on the wall, the underside of nearby furniture, etc. Vacuuming does NOT kill bed bugs, it simply collects them. While bed bugs can travel quite a distance in a night, they will typically be within five to ten feet of their food source (you and your family).

Vacuuming in the morning is best since the bed bugs will be engorged if they had a blood meal during the night. They will often be too large to fit into their hiding places and will be easier to see. Be sure to empty your vacuum canister or throw your bag away in an outside garbage can after every vacuuming session.



## FURNITURE/HOST INFO



Bed bugs are attracted to your body heat and the carbon dioxide from your exhaled breath.

**DO NOT** abandon your bed; the bed bug will find you in other rooms and spread the infestation.

They prefer everything to be still so they are especially likely to attempt to get a meal of blood while you sleep. Bedbugs will infest furniture other than a bed. Any place where someone stays quiet for any length of time will attract them.

Such places would be couches and chairs where someone may spend time watching television or reading. These places are harder to manage. There are more hiding places, there are no dust mite-proof coverings available, the interior structure is not accessible for de-bugging, and it is difficult to isolate the furniture. Vigilant cleaning will be your best defense along with our residual treatments.

It is not recommended to bring in used furniture because of the high probability that it will have bed bugs.



**Bed bugs prefer to feed every two to five days so the above processes should continue for at least two weeks**



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