

# What are bed bugs and how do I get rid of them?

## Facts About Bed Bugs

- Bed bugs hide in crevices.
- They feed on biting people.
- Bed bugs are found in all 50 states in the U.S.
- They can live up to 12 months without eating.
- Adult bed bugs are the size of an apple seed.
- Bed bug saliva acts as an anesthetic, which makes the feeding process quick and painless.
- They can withstand a wide range of temperatures, from nearly freezing to 122° F.
- The incidence of bed bugs in a home is three times higher in urban areas than in rural areas.
- Bed bugs spread more quickly in cities because of the larger populations size, apartment living, and increased mobility.



## Where Do They Hide?

- Bed joints
- Around piping
- Underneath mattresses
- Under box springs
- Baseboard trim
- Corners and drawers of desks and bureaus
- Screw holes

**15 BED BUGS CAN FIT IN ONE SCREW HOLE**



## BED BUG MYTHS

- Bed bugs do not bore into wood, they hide in crevices found in furniture, mattresses and outlets.
- Bed bugs do not transmit disease.
- Bed bugs do not discriminate on hygiene, dirt, or social status. Anyone can get them regardless of living conditions.

# What do I do if I have bed bugs?

## Inspect and Identify

Many bugs look similar to bed bugs. Ask a professional entomologist to make sure you have found bed bugs and not something else.



## Preventions in Your Home

- Don't pick up used furniture.
- Vacuum regularly.
- Seal cracks in wooden floors.
- Use light colored bedding to make it easier to see them.
- Purchase plainly designed furniture with fewer hiding places.
- Use tight fitting bed bug proof mattresses and encasements.
- Keep a gap between furniture and the wall.



Bed bug resistant mattress

## Call a Professional

It is important to call a licensed, Pest Management Professional (PMP) to adequately get rid of bed bugs. It typically takes about three weeks to completely get rid of them once they are identified. After the treatment, be sure to inspect regularly for any new occurrences so they can be treated quickly.



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