

WHAT TO DO IF YOU
SUSPECT THAT YOU HAVE
BED BUGS.

Call the Rogersville Housing Authority
office immediately.

There is no shame in getting bed bugs—not
reporting an infestation is worse than getting
them. Even if you are unsure that you have
an infestation, please call the office so your
apartment can be checked.

It's better to be safe than sorry!

Failure to report an infestation may result in
your account being charged for the cost of
treatment and may also
begin eviction proceedings.

Call the office if you would like to watch an
informational video about bed bugs to
receive a free mattress cover.

EARLY DETECTION AND PROMPT RESPONSE WILL
AVOID LARGER PROBLEMS.



THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO ACT FAST—BEFORE
THEY HAVE TIME TO MULTIPLY!



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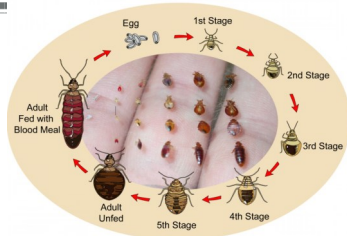
Bed Bugs
Prevention, Detection,
and Control



*Be alert! Be aware!
Bed bugs could be anywhere!*

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BED BUG IDENTIFICATION



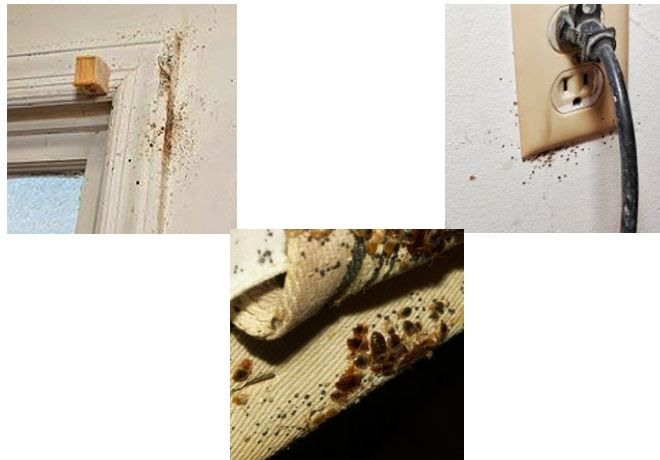
- Eggs: tiny, white, and glued to surfaces
- Nymphs are light colored, from 1/16th"
- Adults are rusty red, apple seed sized, 3/8"
- Six legs, oval, flattened from top to bottom
- Do not jump or fly, but are good runners!
- They tend to congregate together.
- They can live several months without a blood meal.

Signs of Bed Bugs

- Small, whitish shed skins and rusty spots on bed linens which are droppings and blood stains from crushed bugs.
- Live bed bugs of any size.
- Eggs and casings among droppings or in crevices where adults hide.
- An offensive, sweet, musty odor from the bed bugs when infestations are severe.
- You may have red, itchy welts or rashes from bites; however, bite marks are **not** a reliable indication of a bed bug infestation.

Where do bed bugs hide?

- Mattresses, box springs, bed frames, and head boards (along seams and piping, under handles and labels).
- Under the thin dust cloth on the bottom of box spring..
- Seams and fabric folds in curtains and under furniture, including chairs and sofas.
- Anywhere there are cracks, crevices, or nail holes in walls, and under wood moldings and baseboards.
- In and behind picture frames and mirrors.
- Clothing and clutter stored in closets, under beds, and elsewhere.
- Inside switch plates, electrical outlets, clocks, computers, phones, t.v.'s, and smoke detectors.
- On and in recently used luggage, backpacks, and purses.



BED BUGS ARE NO ONE'S FAULT. THEY DON'T DISCRIMINATE. ANYONE CAN HAVE THEM!

Day-to-Day Prevention:

- Bed bugs are excellent hitch-hikers—so be extra careful when traveling.
- Change and wash bedding regularly.
- Do not bring second-hand furniture into your home UNLESS you have thoroughly inspected and cleaned the items first.
- Reduce clutter.

Feeding Habits

Bed bugs feed mainly at night but will feed whenever people are sleeping.

- Humans are the preferred host.
- Peak feeding time is before dawn.
- Adult and nymphs both feed on humans.
- Bites are painless, but may leave itchy welts.
- May inflict multiple bites when feeding.



- **Larger**
- **Appear in clusters or a linear pattern on exposed skin.**
- **Often found on the upper body, arms, neck, and face.**
- **Red and swollen, with a darker center.**