



HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BUNKIE

Bed Bug Policy

Early Reporting Stops Bed Bugs From Spreading

About Bed Bugs

Bed bugs are tiny, nocturnal insects that feed on blood, including human blood. Bed bugs can infest all kinds of places, most often mattresses, box springs, sheets, and other areas where people sleep or sit for long periods. They typically feed for a few minutes and then return to their hiding place, and people often do not feel the bite until after it happens. Bed bugs do not spread disease, but bites can cause skin irritation and rashes.

Bed bugs can enter a home in many ways — through luggage after travel, used furniture or clothing, or on the clothing or belongings of frequent visitors. If bringing in used furniture or clothing, it's best to leave it somewhere outside the home (such as a storage unit) exposed to high heat or freezing temperatures for a few days before bringing it inside.

Signs of a Bed Bug Problem

- Check sheets, pillows, and blankets for bugs and stains.
- Look under the mattress and pillows.
- Check the seams and folds of the mattress and box spring.
- Look at the bed frame for bugs and stains.
- Check the floor, carpet edges, and moldings.
- Look inside and underneath drawers.
- Check radios, phones, clocks, and other items near the bed or on a nightstand.

Report Immediately

If you believe there are bed bugs in your home, call the Administrative Office immediately at (318) 346-6838 so that pest control can be notified. It is important for HACBLA to know as soon as possible to keep an infestation from spreading to other units. Thank you for helping us keep bed bugs out of HACBLA housing.

Resident Procedures

- Report a bed bug infestation, or any other pest problem, to the Administrative Office within 24 hours of the sighting.
- Do not attempt to treat a bed bug infestation yourself.
- Never self-treat with pesticides, especially "bug bombs," which can drive bed bugs into adjacent rooms or units.
- Do not remove anything from an infested room until it has been treated by Pest Control Personnel, with the exception of laundry (see below).
- Cooperate fully with the preparation instructions provided by HACBLA ahead of inspection and treatment. Ask your housing manager for help with steps you can't accomplish on your own, such as disassembling or moving furniture. Disabled and elderly residents should request assistance with preparation.
- Prior to treatment, all clutter, debris, and garbage from infested rooms should be placed in sealed plastic bags.



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- On the day of treatment, all bedding and clothing should be bagged in plastic, transported to the laundry, and laundered using hot water and the highest dryer setting recommended for the item. Bags used for transport should not be reused — seal and dispose of them with other infested refuse.

Resident Acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand this Bed Bug Policy and agree to follow the reporting and preparation procedures described above.

Resident Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____