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Bed Bug Prep Sheet (Landlord)

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*** WHAT TO DO – 10 steps ***

1. UNDERSTAND that a "Bed Bug" (Cimex) infestation begins by a single insect traveling into a building. A cimex infestation is neither your fault nor the fault of the tenants.

2. INSPECTION BEFORE TREATMENT is very important before treatment. Call your landlord to request a consultation, to confirm infestation, for assistance & instructions. Only a licensed professional exterminator is qualified to confirm infestation.

3. CONTACT TENANTS. Extermination can ONLY be effective with your tenants' participation and preparation.

COORDINATE DATE/TIME OF EXTERMINATION
Speak with your tenants and coordinate date and time for preparation of home and extermination. Schedule accordingly.

4. PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS for PREPARATION OF DWELLING on EXTERMINATION DAY. Provide tenant with a copy of this pamphlet, as preparation of dwelling is critical on the day the exterminator will treat the home. Inform your tenants of the steps required to prepare the dwelling for extermination. Without these steps, the extermination alone will not be effective in eradicating "bed bug" infestation.

5. CHOOSE an EXTERMINATOR CAREFULLY.
Choose a professional licensed exterminator carefully. Expertise is required for Cimex ("bedbug") eradication as pesticides alone are NOT effective. A good exterminator will have specific protocol unique to solving this problem.

6. ASK QUESTIONS. The following are questions to ask that will help determine the qualifications of an exterminator to eradicate a dwelling of "Bed Bugs" (Cimex).

- * Do you have background, training and experience with "Bed Bug" (Cimex) eradication? (Yes.)
- * How long will treatment take? (At least one day).
- * How many treatments will this require?
(Thorough eradication requires multiple treatments).
- * Will preparations be necessary?
(Extensive preparation is necessary for effective treatment).
- * Are "Bed Bugs" difficult to eradicate? (Yes.)
- * When will you treat the dwelling?
(NOT today. Extensive prep by occupant is necessary.)
- * Do you provide materials to prepare tenant for your visit? (Yes.)
- * Will you be checking surrounding units? (Critical).
- * Do you follow up with inspections?
(An experienced professional inspects every two weeks.)

7. HIRE A QUALIFIED LICENSED EXTERMINATOR and SCHEDULE THE VISIT. Inform tenants of date / time.

8. REPEAT INSPECTIONS every 2 weeks until resolved.

9. REPEAT TREATMENT and eradication measures until the problem is fully resolved.

10. ADJACENT UNITS MUST BE INSPECTED and treated, as the insects live in the walls and floor boards of a building.

COST OF EXTERMINATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE
THIS IS NOT THE FAULT OF YOUR TENANTS.
IF TENANTS LEAVE, THE PROBLEM WILL REMAIN.

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Bed Bug Facts and Help

** A 10 Step Solution **

Adult (Enlarged Photo)



www.thesaham.net/bed_bug.htm

Adult Actual Size



www.thesaham.net/bed_bug.htm

Baby with Paperclip



www.pau.missouri.edu/entomology/bugs/bugs/images/bedbug.jpg

Insects on newspaper



www.tampere.fi/yoyoteoyyvu/kuhwa/kuhwa01shayso.htm

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“Bed Bugs” (Cimex) are spread easily by sharing used furniture and belongings.

“Bed Bugs” (Cimex) can be eliminated by following the steps outlined here.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

- * Red spots: on skin exposed during sleep.
- * Shape: Oval shaped insect with no wings
- * Color: brown, red or clear.
- * Size: up to 1/4 inch or 0.5cm
- * Where: hide in furniture, bed, walls and floor during the day.
- * Signs: Blood stains on bedding or walls.

**DO NOT USE PESTICIDES
ON YOUR BODY OR IN YOUR HOME.
PESTICIDES ALONE DO NOT SOLVE
THIS PROBLEM.**

**PESTICIDE USE IN YOUR HOME CAN
POISON YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN.**

CALL FOR HELP IMMEDIATELY

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ABOUT ‘BED BUGS’ (Cimex) :

- * Insect can live over 1 year without a blood meal.
- * Lifespan up to 4 years.
- * Female lays eggs daily which hatch after 1 to 2 weeks; over a lifetime totaling up to 500 eggs.
- * Cannot survive heat > 120 F for more than a few hrs.
- * Live in the house and in furniture, NOT on the body.

WHERE TO LOOK:

- * ‘Bed Bugs’ (Cimex) hide during the day in dark places.
- * Sheets, blankets, mattresses, box springs, headboard.
- * Floors, walls, doors, windows, woodwork, behind light/ outlet plates, behind wallpaper, curtains/ drapes, cracks/crevices, upholstered furniture, behind pictures.
- * Closets, bags, clothing, drawers, old books, papers.

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