

What to expect

Live and dead bed bugs: There will be live and dead bed bugs after treatment occurs and resident still will have activity that is why the service includes two (2) follow up visits. The first follow up is normally scheduled two (2) week after initial service and the final follow up six (6) weeks after the initial service.

After treatment:

Before re-entering home or returning items, it is recommended to thoroughly inspecting all items. All clothing and fabric should be washed and heated to avoid re-infesting treated areas.

Expect for furniture and infested items to be moved around during the treatment. Expect for beds, headboards, and frames to be taken apart and dresser drawers to be removed. Essential does not put beds back together. After the treatment is complete property can be returned to normal.

One week after the treatment vacuum all rooms and all furniture items. This is to include all seams in mattresses, box springs, base boards, carpet edges, cracks and corners in nightstands, furniture, closets, and any other area recommended on preparation sheet.

High quality mattress, box spring and pillow encasements are recommended to be installed. Essential Pest Management can provide these at homeowner's request and expense. Property Managers and Commercial Accounts are not responsible to purchase these for tenants. It is the tenant's responsibility to purchase mattress encasements.

Bed Bug Behavior:

1. Bed bugs do not enter places from the natural outdoor environment; instead, they must be introduced in the structure from a previously infested environment. Bed bugs can be picked up during travel, bring them in on rented or used furniture, introduction by guests or visitors, or other means. The exact source of the infestation is usually unknown. *It is recommended to avoid buying used furniture.*
2. Bed bugs can live in beds, couches, picture frames, nightstands, wall voids, under carpeting, or virtually any available small crack or crevice. However, they will most likely try to live close to where people sleep.
3. Bed bugs are nocturnal insects and therefore usually hide during the day and are most active at night when they leave their harborages to seek a blood meal, they feed exclusively on blood
4. Infestations can grow rapidly and persist indefinitely until proper corrective actions are taken.
5. Adult bed bugs are brown to reddish-brown, approximately 3/16-inch long, 1/8 inch wide, broadly oval, and flat. Immature bed bugs (nymphs) are tiny and appear translucent or pale in color.
6. Eggs are pearly white in color and only 1mm in length, thus they can be exceedingly difficult to detect with the naked eye.

Life Cycle of the Bed Bug

