



#### **BED BUG INSPECTION NOTICE**

As a precaution, Just Bugs GTA will be inspecting your residence for bedbugs on \_\_\_\_\_ starting at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

If you will not be home please leave us a note indicating whether or not you have experienced bed bug activity, and if so where and when this happened.

Please prepare your unit by removing any large items from beds, couches and chairs so we can inspect these areas. Do not remove bedding as this may disperse whatever bugs are present. We will be moving your bedding and some furniture, and removing the gauze backing on the underside of any upholstered furniture.

In the meantime please follow the advice below on how to... **PROTECT YOURSELF FROM BED BUGS!**

**IDENTIFY THEM:** Bed bugs are brown to reddish brown, they are flat, they are the size of an apple seed, they are mostly seen at night, and they are found on mattresses, beds, sheets, headboards, nightstands, etc. Also check all other upholstered furniture and other areas where people sleep. Bed bugs bite humans to feed on our blood, and hard white welts accompanied by itching often occurs, but not everyone reacts to the bite. If you think you have bed bugs, catch a sample if you can and save it so we can properly identify it.

**DON'T BRING THEM HOME:** Bed bugs hitch rides on the clothes and luggage of people staying in infested rooms. If you have been traveling inspect and launder (on hot settings) all of your clothes and luggage before putting them away. Bed bugs also hide in used clothing, furniture, mattresses, bed frames, dressers, etc. If you have recently received any used clothes or furniture inspect them as well. Any item that can't be laundered (luggage, furniture) should be very thoroughly

**vacuumed or brushed, paying special attention to all cracks and crevices where small bugs may hide. Throw out the vacuum bag immediately.**

**BED BUG PROOF YOUR HOME:** Eliminate clutter as much as possible, especially near all sleeping areas!

**Keep the bed pulled away from the walls, and don't let sheets and blankets touch the floor. Place double-sided tape around the legs of the bed frame, carpet tape from a hardware stores works well. Regularly (at least monthly, weekly is best) launder all bed coverings. Regularly vacuum or scrub with a brush all cracks and crevices in the floors, all carpeted areas, plus the mattress, box spring and bed frame including the headboard.**

**Encase your mattress and box spring with bed bug proof covers (we can provide these). Caulk or otherwise seal all cracks and crevices in sleeping areas including those around baseboards, pot lights, electrical plates, door and window frames, heaters, etc.**

**IF YOU ALREADY HAVE BED BUGS:** Do all of the above, let your building management know, and leave us a note. Successful elimination usually requires application of a variety of pesticides, it may involve disposing of infested furniture, and it always requires patience and cooperation between everyone involved.

**IF THE ABOVE IS NOT DONE IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THE PROBLEM**

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