

THE ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY'S COLLABORATIVE STRATEGY FOR BED BUGS

Knowledge and empowerment



RHA educates all new residents in the Resident Orientation every month and has provided Bed Bug guideline awareness to all residents.

Together we can, together we will



As a community we can all help each other during this infestation. Bed Bugs don't discriminate on whom or what they will infest. The discomfort, suffering and emotional impact following a Bed Bug infestation is a serious side effect that is overlooked and effective remediation can be much more challenging.

Protecting you and your family



If you suspect that your neighbor has Bed Bugs, you should check your home and sprinkle Diatomaceous at doorways as a form of prevention.

NATURAL NON-TOXIC METHODS



Control of Bed Bugs is a complex procedure and requires the cooperation of all stakeholders. The slightest infiltration entails a full quarantine to ensure 100 percent elimination.

BED BUG APPEARANCE

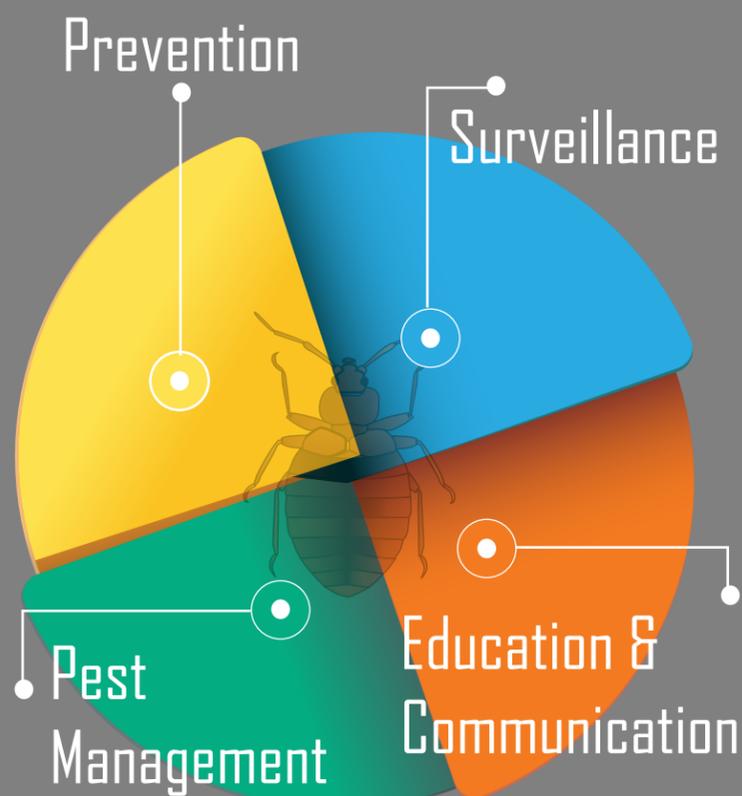
- Small brownish oval shaped insect
- Approximately the size of an apple seed
- Don't fly or jump but crawl rapidly
- Feed on blood of animals primarily humans



HOW BED BUGS SPREAD

Active Dispersal occurs when the Bed Bugs walk from one place to another. They are rapid crawlers, comparable in speed to an ant. Bed Bugs habitually crawl upward to hide in pictures, wall hangings, drapery pleats, ceiling moldings, and electrical lines.

Passive Dispersal is the most significant way they spread to new locations. Bed Bugs can be transported in clothes, shoes, furniture or luggage.



Diatomaceous Earth (DE)

DE is a natural non-toxic material known as diatoms. DE works as a means for deterrence, prevention, and treatment. The particles are microscopic razor-sharp edges easily crumbled into a fine white powder used at doorways of units to stop the infestation from spreading.

Thermal Remediation

The closely monitored, even distribution of heat is the only effective way to kill all life stages of insects in the area being treated.