



Session Four of Integrated Pest Management for Multifamily Housing



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While we wait, please tell us in the chat:
 What's your name?
 Where are you from?

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 - Priority Pests
 - Why IPM
 - Pesticides & Health
- Session Two Cockroaches
- Session Three Rodents
 - What they are
 - Associated Health Hazards
 - What they eat & drink
 - Where they live
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Any Questions from Session Three
Rodents



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Homework from Session 3

- Find an especially good or egregious example of rodent management on your property
- Take a good photo
- Send photos to your instructor
- Be prepared to discuss the photo

Poll: Did you find any especially good or egregious examples of rodent management?

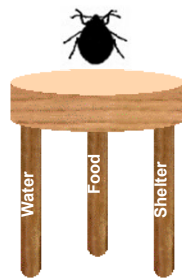
- Yes, I sent a photo
- Yes, but I did not send a photo (please chat)
- No, I didn't see anything notable
- No, we don't have any rodent issues here

Select one.

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What All Pests Need

- Food
- Water
- Shelter





Eliminate Food & Water?
This time, it's different.

Know Your Priority Pests

- **Cockroaches** cause asthma in infants, trigger asthma attacks, and contaminate food
- **Rodents** such as mice and rats carry diseases, bite, destroy property, may cause fires, and may trigger asthma attacks
- **Bed Bugs** and their bites are a nuisance, are expensive to eliminate, and in rare cases can cause allergic reaction or anemia.

Poll: On average, what level of bedbug presence have you seen at your properties?

- What's a bedbug?
- Minimal activity, under control
- Moderate complaints and activity
- The place is crawling with them
- Don't know

Select one.

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What is a Bed Bug?



An adult bed bug feeding on a human

- Flat
- Range in size from a sesame seed to an apple seed
- Light brown to dark red
- Depends on when they last fed

Bed Bug Behavior

- Most active at night
- Cannot fly, jump, or burrow into skin
- Can crawl to other apartments
- Hitchhike on coats, bags, and used furniture



Bed bugs like small dark spaces to hide, like behind outlet covers

Bed Bug Biology



- Female lays about 200-250 eggs in a lifetime
 - 1-5 eggs per day
- Egg to adult:
 - 5 weeks to 4 months
- Molt 5 times; feed before each molt

Bed Bug Life Cycle



Fed



Not recently fed



Bed Bugs are a Pest of Public Health Significance

- Stress
- Loss of Work
- Loss of Productivity
- Loss of Sleep
- Financial Burden








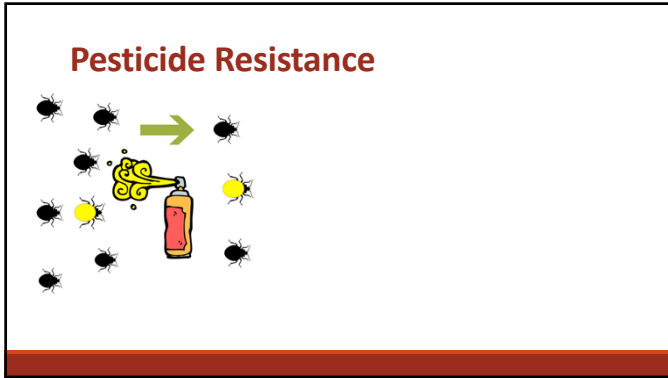
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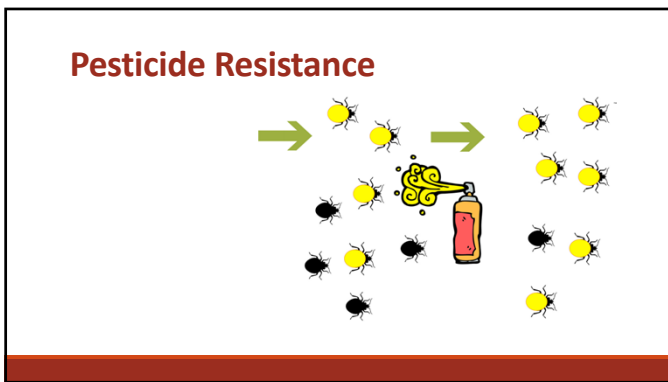
- Secondary infections after people scratch their bites
- Rare, allergic reaction or anemia
- Unwelcome in our homes and workplaces

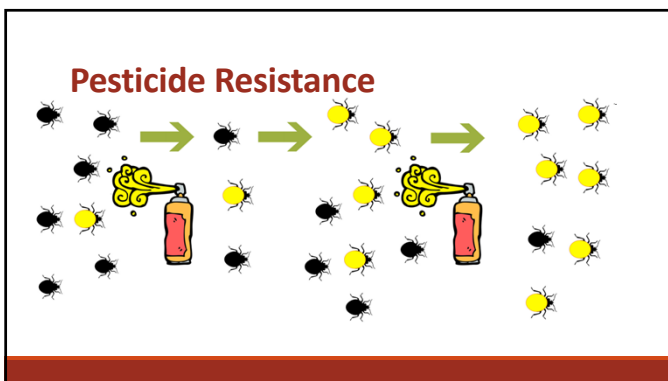
Bed bugs do not transmit disease under normal living conditions

Why They're Back

-  Change in pesticide availability
-  Change in pesticide use patterns
-  More travel/mobility of people
-  More infested locations
-  Lack of preparedness of society in general







Signs of Bed Bugs

- Bites
- Fecal spots
- Shed skins
- Dead bed bugs
- Live bed bugs

Bed Bug Bites



- Prefer feeding during darkness
- Bites often painless
- Many people don't exhibit an obvious reaction

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- May not know they have an infestation

Fecal Spots

Bed bug droppings
Small, dark dots
Different from cockroach frass

- Frass is gritty, fecal spots are smooth



Bed bug droppings on a bed frame

Shed Skins



Bed bug signs on a mattress seam

Dead Bed Bugs



Bottom



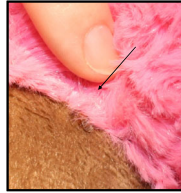
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Where Bed Bugs Live

- Only inside homes and buildings
- Any item near where people rest



Mattress edges



Bedding & Stuffed animals

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Couch cushions



Outlets

Where Bed Bugs Live

- Hide in cracks and crevices, often in groups
- Can crawl to other apartments



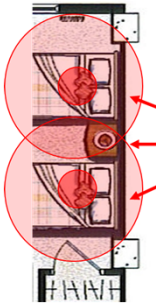
Signs of Bed Bugs

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What signs of bed bugs have you seen?

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How Bed Bugs Spread



What's on the other side of the wall?

- Actively crawl along
- Wires
- Pipes
- Under doors

How Bed Bugs Spread

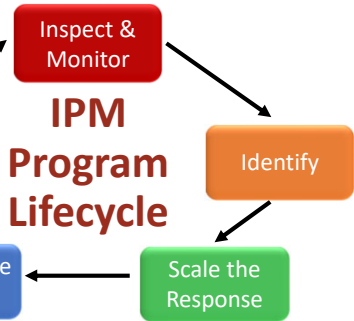


- Passively on anything coming from an infested unit
- Furniture
- Backpacks
- Laundry

What Bed Bugs Eat & Drink

Blood





Inspect & Monitor

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Residents are the First Line of Defense

- Inspect with a flashlight
- Launder bedding
- Vacuum
- Maintain their unit according to housekeeping standards



Why Not Wait for Complaints?

Many don't report because:

- Afraid they will be charged \$ or evicted
- Embarrassed to complain
- Unaware of the signs
- May not react to bites



According to one study, if you rely on residents reporting you could be missing up to 71% of infested units (Wang, et al. Journal of Medical Entomology, 2016)



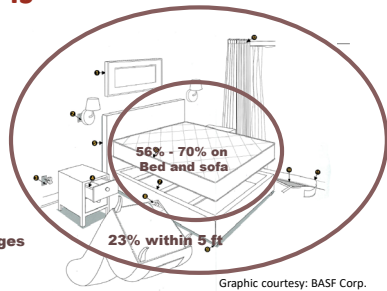
Early Detection is Key

If found and controlled early in the infestation, the spread of bed bugs can be stopped

Early detection and rapid response are critical to building-wide bed bug management

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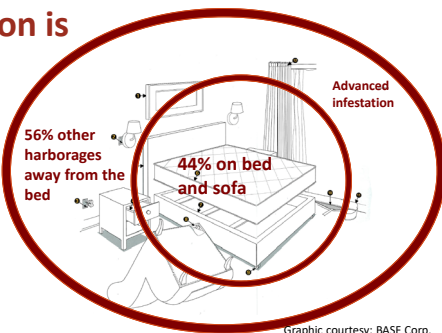


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Advanced infestations spread away from bed, spreading the problem



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Personal Protection

- Be informed if you are entering a home with bed bugs
- Use insect repellent before entering
- Wear booties
- Avoid sitting or placing items on potentially infested surfaces



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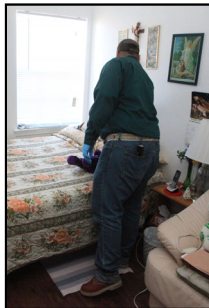
- When moving infested items:
 - Wear a protective layer
 - Thoroughly wrap infested items before moving
- Inspect after leaving
 - Lint roller
 - Light clothing
- Confine any suspect items in a tote or leave outside until treated



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Staff Quick Visual Inspection

- Routine check of as part of housekeeping inspection
- Inspect beds and sofas only
- Focus on signs which are easy to detect
- Visual – always use a flashlight



Visual Inspection Tools



Visual Inspection Tools

Extra-sticky lint rollers help with inspection





When Are Bed Bugs Most Active?

- When people are:
 - Sleeping
 - Resting
- They hide where people usually don't look

Bed Bug Monitors Can Help

- Monitors help find bed bugs when and where people can't
- Trap and kill bed bugs
- Determine level of infestation



Bed Bug Monitors

Two types

- Passive
- Active



Bed Bug Monitors

Passive Monitor

- Bugs can't climb out
- Must be placed where bugs will climb into them
- Sits under the legs of furniture, such as beds

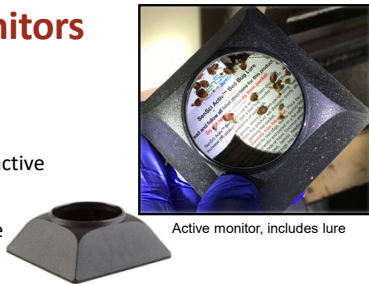


Passive monitor

Bed Bug Monitors

Active Monitor

- Chemical lure makes it active
- Bugs can't climb out
- Can be placed anywhere



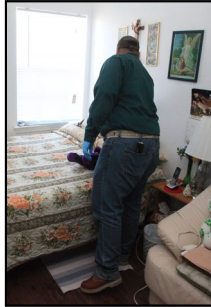
Active monitor, includes lure

Visual Inspection PLUS Monitors

Research from Rutgers University has shown that combining:

- Visual Inspections
- Interceptor-type monitors is very effective at detecting even low-level infestations

One study found this approach to be 95% effective at finding infestations



Poll: What's the inspection schedule for bedbugs at your properties?

- Wait for complaints
- Routine inspection
- Routine inspection plus monitors
- Don't know

Select one.

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PMP Full Inspection

Inspection: Bed Bug Detecting Canine

- Expensive
- Continual dog and handler training
- Saves lots of time
- When a canine alerts, ask for a live bug



Identify

Inspect and check your monitors:

- Is it a bed bug?



We Must Identify a Live Bed Bug



Mosquito Bites

- Other types of bug bites
 - Mosquitos
 - Fleas
- Allergic reactions

Mistaken Identity – Not Bed Bugs



Carpet Beetle and larva



Tick

Mistaken Identity - Not Bed Bugs



Cockroach Nymph



Bat Bug



Spider Beetle

Scale the Response

How many bed bugs do we have?



If a Bed Bug is Found

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Document all observations

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Do This:

- Save the insect
- Report the problem
- Have the PMP inspect unit/adjacent units

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Don't Do This:

- Apply pesticides
- Move things around
- Carry the bed bugs to other places

If a Bed Bug is Found

Document all observations

- Where
- How many
- When
- Excessive clutter
- Vulnerable populations



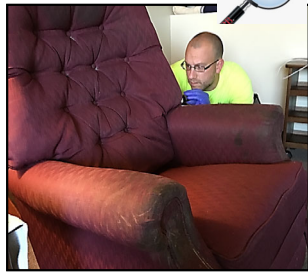
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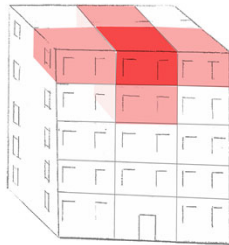
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- Adjacent areas



What About Neighboring Units?

- Surrounding units should be inspected and monitored
- Consider diagonal units as well
- Surrounding units should be treated **if necessary**
 - No routine treatment of units without actual bed bugs

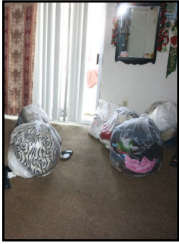


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Traditional Bed Bug Treatment Prep



- All furniture pulled 2' away from wall
- Empty all furniture of contents
- Stand mattress & box spring against the wall
- Empty closets & bag contents
- Remove & bag clothing from drawers
- Remove all window treatments
- Remove pictures & mirrors from walls
- Remove switch plates & outlet covers

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Please chat!

Is it reasonable to expect residents to accomplish this?

What are the consequences when they can't, or won't?

The Downside of Traditional Prep

- Scatters bed bugs
- Potential for reintroduction when bags are opened
- Difficult for many residents to accomplish
- PMP may deny treatment to a unit not prepped
- Provides an excuse for treatment failure
- Infestation can multiply and spread to neighboring units

Consider Individualized, Minimal Prep

- PMP gives individualized and realistic instructions based on level of infestation
- Avoid scattering bed bugs
- Best option for low and moderate infestations
- PMP guides customers on how to handle clothing, curtains, etc. after inspection

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Treatment Options

- Non-Chemical
- Pesticides

Use Multiple Tools

Non-Chemical Treatment Options

- Vacuum
- Exclusion & Encasement
- Heat
- Cold

Use Multiple Tools

Vacuum

- Remove live bed bugs, dead bed bugs, shed skins
- Prepare the area for cleaning and treatment



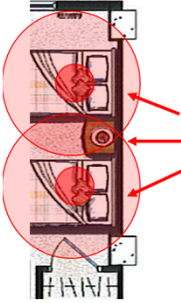
Vacuum



- Quickly reduce bed bug population



Exclusion



What's on the other side of the wall?

- Painstaking but rewarding work
- Seal holes where bed bugs could fit
- Know your building construction


Mattress & Box Spring Encasement



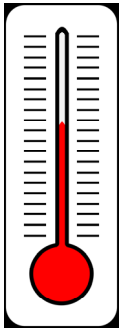
- Fewer hiding places = easier inspection
- Encases any bed bugs (cannot bite)
- Any remaining bed bugs starve and die
 - No need for insecticides on mattress
 - No need to dispose of mattress
- Leave in place for 1 year

Mattress & Box Spring Encasement

- Not all covers protect
- Zippers and teeth are vulnerable
- Fabric covers
 - *"For bed bugs"*
 - More comfortable
 - *"Bite-proof"*
 - More Effective



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Heat


Thermal Death Point:
122° F for eggs
118° for nymphs and adults


Must reach in deep, dark and hard to heat locations
Air temp irrelevant

High heat can cause damage

Steam

- Provides immediate kill of all life stages
- Penetrates into cracks and 1-2 cm into fabric, up to 6 cm in cracks
- No pesticide residue





Clothes Dryers

- 30 minutes on high
- Don't over-fill
- Not necessary to wash first
- Even "dry clean only" items can go in dryer

Clothes Dryers

Consider:

- Designated machine
"Bed Bug Treatment Only"
- Removable dryer shelf
- Providing free tokens



Whole Unit Heat Treatment

- Best by professionals
- Expensive equipment
- Verify temperature readings



Whole Unit Heat Treatment

- PMP will move objects around
- Use fans to circulate
- Some items can't take the heat



Portable Heat Chambers

Building staff at a property in Pennsylvania test out their new ZappBug portable heat chamber



Non-Chemical Treatment: Freezing

- Freezer
 - Zero °F for at least 4 days
- CO2
 - Kills only the bugs it hits directly



A trained professional applies Cryonite Freeze treatment on a bed

Biological Treatment Option



- Beauveria bassiana (fungal spores)
 - Aprehend®
 - Need specialized spray equipment

Pesticides: Targeted Use by PMP



- Monitor first
- Only PMPs should use
- Bed bugs tolerant of many insecticides
- Housing staff can become licensed



Pesticide Treatment Options



- Contact / Residual spray applications
- Desiccants, silica dusts, diatomaceous earth, or other pesticidal dusts
- Impregnated mattress liners
- Fumigants



Successful Treatments Involve a Combination of Approaches

- PMP will evaluate & instruct
- PMP will use a variety of treatments
- May ask that space not be disturbed
- May take apart furniture and apply pesticides
- Know your contract



Multiple Tools

Mechanical: Vacuum, mattress encasements

Heat: Steam, clothes dryer, whole-unit, heat chamber

Dusts: chemical, desiccant, combination

Insecticides: liquid residual spray, fumigant, biological



About OTC Aerosols or Total Release Foggers



Bed bug spray in this residence indicates the professional treatment is ineffective

- Bed bugs are resistant to the chemicals
- Over-the-counter (OTC) products kill only the bugs that are directly hit
- Toxic residue on surfaces
- Can cause bed bugs to scatter and hide, making it harder to treat

Be cautious of "green" treatments



If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is

Check the research

Most kill on contact, if at all

Some repel & scatter the bed bugs deeper into hiding

Rubbing alcohol is ineffective

Encourage a Community Response

Educate everyone – staff and residents
Consider how you can ease the financial burden for residents by providing:

- Mattress encasements
- Monitors
- Proper furniture removal and destruction



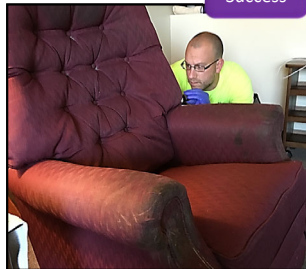
Successful Treatment

- Follow-up
- Confirmation
- Reinspection



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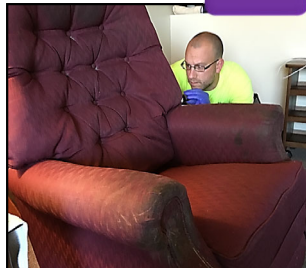


Confirmation

- Resident Interview
- Visual inspection
- Monitors

The Role of the Professional

- Follows-up until bed bugs are not found for at least two consecutive visits
- After elimination is confirmed, inspect unit **every three months** for the next year before returning to annual or biannual inspection



Evaluate Success

IPM Practice

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Examine each photo, then tell us:

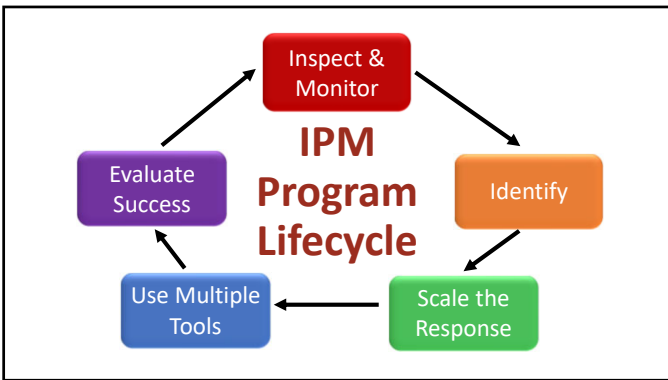
- What's the problem here?
- How would you fix it?
 - Who is responsible?







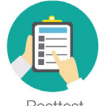




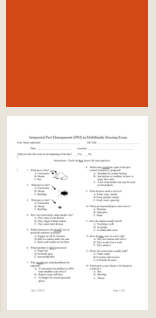
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Event: 2022 IPM in Multifamily Housing Live Online Course April 21st - May 12th, 2022 Live online course offered Thursdays, April 21st - May 12th, 2022. Register for this course here. The IPM in Multifamily Housing Course was designed to help housing professionals understand their role in supporting safe and effective pest control in their communities. The course outlines how to manage pests while keeping...

New resources: IPM guides for property managers on cockroaches and bed bugs (PDF) and picture-based guides for residents on cockroaches, rodents, and bed bugs (PDF).

Looking for training on rodents? Find resources and recorded webinars **IPM: Rodents** (part of a Pest Control Program for Communities and **Methods and Tools for Eliminating Mice from Multifamily Housing**. Find more training opportunities **here**.

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