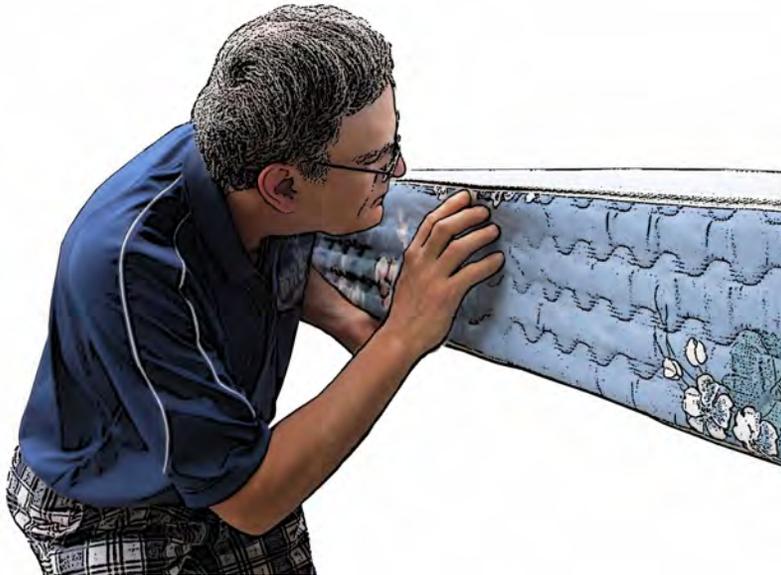


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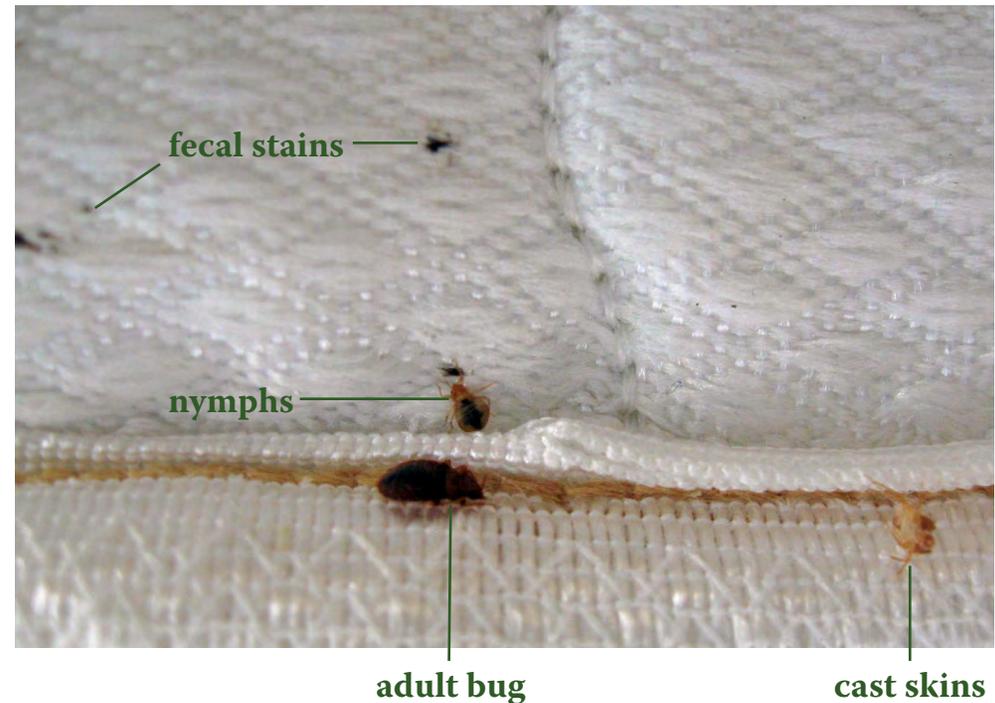
## Bed Bug Management—One Step at a Time! **Step 7: How to Dispose of an Infested Mattress**

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**1** Are bed bugs on your mattress?



**2** Look for evidence.



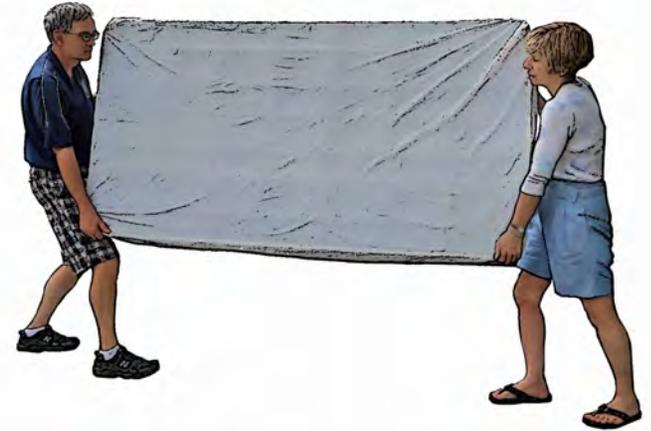
**3** Do not move an infested mattress! This can spread bugs to other rooms.



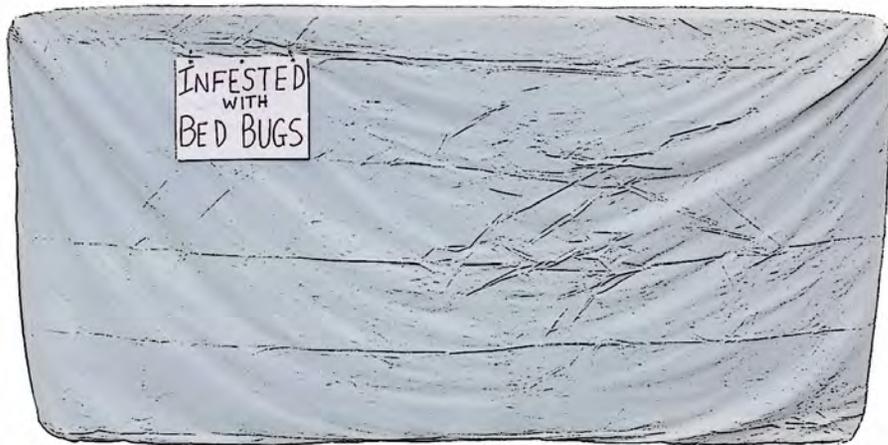
**4** Cover infested mattress and box spring with plastic mattress bag.



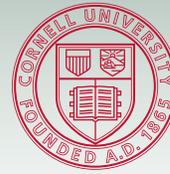
**5** Covers prevent bugs from falling off and infesting other rooms.



**6** Stop the spread! Let others know NOT to take your mattress.



This is the last step in the series.



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