

# Community IPM

## Bed Bug Management Dealing with Bed Bugs in Multifamily Housing

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**1** Pests travel between shared walls and use utility lines in multifamily buildings.



Bed bugs from one resident's travel can spread to neighbors.

**2** Bugs are transported in or on luggage.



**3** One female bug can start an infestation.



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Bed bug populations build over several months. Large bed bug populations will spread to adjacent units.



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Call a qualified professional to identify and control the problem.



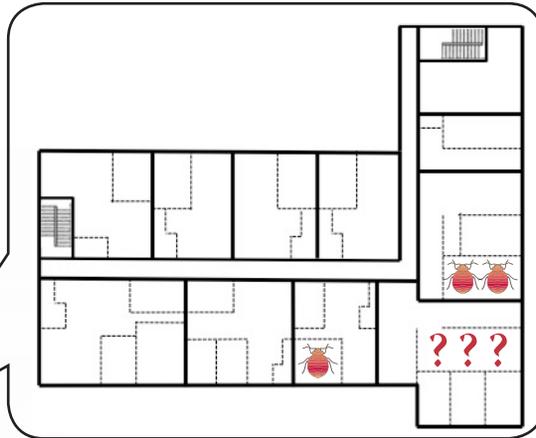
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Check for other sources if the problem continues.



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A survey of residents and a diagram of infestations can help determine the source of a bed bug infestation.



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Caulking can be used to seal openings between units. Caulk guns are an essential tool in IPM.



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Seal utility openings that connect units.



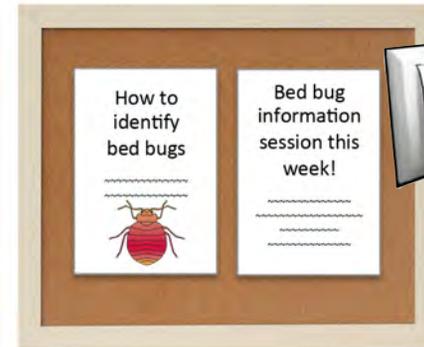
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Eliminate openings to wall voids.



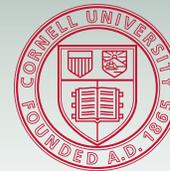
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Provide education to residents about bed bugs.



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Keep a pest log that includes the unit number, date of complaint and treatment date.



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