

BED BUGS 101:

A GUIDE TO RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION



Bed bugs can reproduce quickly, so it's critical to detect and treat infestations early. Here are a few tips for spotting evidence of a bed bug problem and what you can do to help.

"Spotting" the Signs

Bed bugs typically hide during the daytime and know when people are sleeping, so it's difficult to spot them. To check for signs of bed bug activity...

Inspect:



- Mattresses and box springs, including tags and seams
- Soft furniture, including under seat cushions
- Ceilings
- Behind headboards
- Frayed wallpaper edges
- Electrical outlets

Signs of bed bugs:



- Live bed bugs
- Cast skins
- Fecal smears, which look like tiny, ink-colored stains
- Bites on humans

If Evidence of Bed Bugs Is Found

Do Not:

- Disturb the area further (an untouched space helps Orkin® diagnose the problem).
- Remove any items from the area.

Do:

- Report signs to maintenance staff immediately.
- Take the room out of service and into quarantine.
- Move occupants to a new room.
- Contact Orkin for an inspection.

If your Orkin Pro™ finds bed bugs during their inspection, they will ask you to prepare specific rooms for service according to our Bed Bug Service Preparation Checklist, which includes:

- Pulling furniture into the room's center and turning over.
- Removing or loosening all items attached to the walls.
- Loosening any carpet around the perimeter of the room.
- Vacuuming the mattress, box springs and carpets along baseboards.

Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite.

Contact Orkin to partner with the gold standard in pest control.

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