

Let's Beat the Bug!

Bed Bug Basics

- Bed bugs are small insects, about the size of an apple seed. Adult bed bugs are flat, oval and reddish-brown in color. Juvenile bed bugs can be very small and hard to see.
- Bed bugs feed on human blood and can live for over a year without a meal.
- Bed bugs usually hide during the day near where people rest or sleep and then come out at night to feed. Bed bugs do not live on our bodies.
- Some people do not react when bitten by a bed bug.
- Most bed bugs are found within 8 feet of a person's resting place. As the infestation grows, bed bugs will spread further. You can find bed bugs in any of the following places:
 - In mattresses, box springs, bed frames, and bedding
 - In the cracks and crevices of furniture
 - Behind peeling wall paper
 - Behind pictures and clocks
 - In curtains
 - In cracks in hardwood floors
 - Under carpeting
 - Behind electrical outlets or switch plates

For more information contact the Bed Bug *InformationLine* at 612-624-2200, 1-855-644-2200 bedbugs@umn.edu, or visit www.bedbugs.umn.edu

The *Bed Bug InformationLine*

The bed bug *InformationLine* at the University of Minnesota can:

- Provide information on bed bugs
- Suggest ways to reduce the number of bed bugs in your home
- Provide advice on selecting a Structural Pest Management Company
- Recommend steps you can use to avoid bed bugs in your everyday life and while traveling.



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If you think you have bed bugs and want the bugs identified catch one on a piece of sticky tape or put it in a clear plastic bag and mail to:

Bed Bug InformationLine
Rm 219 Hodson Hall
1980 Folwell Ave
St. Paul, Mn 55108

Make sure you include your name and contact information.



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