

Community IPM

Bed Bug Management—One Step at a Time! **Step 3: Vacuum Here, There, Everywhere**

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1 Vacuum often where people sleep.



2 Use the crack and crevice tool in corners and on carpet edges ...



3 ... and on mattress and box springs seams.



4 Use the brush tool (*brush hard!*) to break loose bugs—*and their tiny, hard to see eggs.*



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Plug the hose end with a thick, wadded towel so bugs won't sneak out.



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Place vacuum bag in a trash bag—or empty the canister into the bag.



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Knot the bag tightly ...



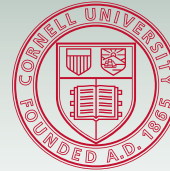
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... and put it in the trash—outside.



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Wash the crevice tool, brush (and anything else you used) in hot, soapy water.



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