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.

2 Bugs are transported in or on luggage.

3 One female bug can start an infestation.

Bed bugs from one resident’s travel can spread to neighbors.
4. Bed bug populations build over several months. Large bed bug populations will spread to adjacent units.

5. Call a qualified professional to identify and control the problem.

6. Check for other sources if the problem continues.

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

8. Caulking can be used to seal openings between units. Caulk guns are an essential tool in IPM.
9. Seal utility openings that connect units.

10. Eliminate openings to wall voids.

11. Provide education to residents about bed bugs.

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