

Quality Management Ltd.

Bed Bug Information Sheets

What Every Tenant Needs to Know

Quality Management Ltd. has had a pro-active policy with regards to bed bugs. We believe that the more our tenants are informed about bed bug prevention and elimination procedures, the better off we all are. Hiding the problem only leads to building infestations such as those reported in the media. Bed bugs are a reality in the city. Quality Management Ltd. applauds our tenants for knowing the importance of reporting all and any pest insect sightings to our managers quickly. This has limited occurrences to single units and single treatments.

The following information is derived from the provincial and city websites:

City of Winnipeg Household Insect Information:

www.winnipeg.ca/publicworks/bugline/insect_information/bedbugs.stm

Residential Tenancies Branch

www.maintoba.ca/rtb And click on Bed Bug information

- 1) Inform your manager immediately if you suspect you may have bed bugs. Evidence of bed bugs includes mosquito type welts, rust coloured stains along folds and crevices of mattresses and bed frames. The use of two-sided tape on the bottom of bed post legs can provide early warning that bed bugs are present.
- 2) Prevent the possible transfer of bed bugs to your suite using the following tips:
 - a. When travelling inspect your accommodations immediately. Place your suitcase in the bathtub and check for evidence on mattresses, in drawers, etc. before settling in.
 - b. When returning from vacation vacuum suitcases and put dry clothes in a dryer for 15-20 minutes.
 - c. Avoid visiting friends and family in homes / apartments that have current bed bug problems.
 - d. Be cautious of acquiring secondhand items such as beds, bedding, clothing, electronics, books and furniture. Be aware of what the signs of bed bugs are.
 - e. Check furniture and bedding regularly and keep normal cleaning and sanitation practices. Remember 20 minutes in a clothes dryer will kill any bugs and eggs.
- 3) Bed bugs are often found in the following areas (this is not inclusive of all the possible areas that Bed Bugs can be present):
 - The seams and creases of mattresses and box springs
 - Under couches, chairs and beds
 - Between the cushions of couches and chairs
 - Behind loose wall paper, paintings and posters
 - Behind baseboards and door casings
 - In drawers
 - Under area rugs and edges of carpets
 - Between curtain folds.
 - Cracks in plaster
 - Cracks in bed frames
 - Telephones, radios, clocks or other electronic devices.

Quality Management Ltd. has been very successful against this pest and we hope to continue to limit the occurrences with the assistance and cooperation of our tenants. We encourage you to visit the websites provided for more detailed information.