

NO ONE'S FAULT BUT EVERYONE'S PROBLEM!!!



KEEPING THE BED BUGS OUT!

TO PREVENT:

- **INSPECT** WELL A NEW HOME BEFORE YOU MOVE IN. BE SUSPICIOUS OF ANY REDISH OR BLACK SPOTS ON WALLS, OR AROUND DOOR OR WINDOW FRAMES
- **DON'T WEAR SHOES AT HOME.** LEAVE THEM IN THE FOYER IN A PLASTIC CONTAINER OR ON A PLASTIC SURFACE.
- **BE CAREFUL WITH USED FURNITURE OR BEDDING.** INSPECT IT CAREFULLY!
- **AVOID CLUTTER.** DON'T LEAVE CLOTHING, SHOES, OR BAGS ON THE FLOOR, ON BEDS OR SOFAS.
- **VACUUM** CARPETS, FLOORS, AND SOFAS FREQUENTLY AND LOOK FOR SIGNS OF INFESTATION
- **ASK YOUR LANDLORD TO CAULK** AND SEAL ANY HOLES, CRACKS AND CREVICES ON WALLS, FLOORS AND CEILINGS
- **PUT INTERCEPTORS** UNDER THE LEGS OF EACH BED (ANY PLASTIC CONTAINER SPRINKLED WITH TALCUM POWDER). DON'T LET BED SPREADS OR LINENS TOUCH THE WALL OR FLOOR.

TO ELIMINATE:

- IF YOU DETECT BED BUGS, **NOTIFY YOUR LANDLORD, IN WRITING,** RIGHT AWAY, AND ANY NEIGHBORS (ABOVE, BELOW OR NEXT DOOR)
- PLACE **CLOTH ENCASEMENTS** (PREFERABLY, AS PLASTIC MAY TEAR) ON BOX PRINGS, MATTRESSES AND PILLOWS
- **WASH ALL CLOTHING AND BEDDING IN HIGH TEMPERATURE WATER** FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES. PLACE THE LAUNDRY BAG IN THE WASHER ALSO TO DESINFECT IT.
- PLACE IN **THE DRYER AT HIGH TEMPERATURE** FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES OTHER OBJECTS SUCH AS COATS, SHOES, PLUSH TOYS, SLEEPING BAGS, CURTAINS, AND CUSHIONS.
- **LOOK FOR AND CLEAN** ANY ACCUMULATION OF BED BUGS IN CRACKS, HOLES, UNDER CARPETS, WALLPAPER, FURNITURE, SEAMS OF MATTRESS AND SOFAS, OR INSIDE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT
- **VACUUM THE AREAS WHERE BED BUGS HAVE BEEN DETECTED** AND EMPTY THE DUST IN A PLASTIC BAG, TIE IT TIGHTLY, AND DISCARD IT IN THE GARBAGE.
- **ASK YOUR LANDLORD TO CALL A PROFESSIONAL, LICENSED EXTERMINATOR** AFTER TAKING THESE STEPS, AND HAVE YOUR HOME INSPECTED, AND TREATED, IF NECESSARY. GENERALLY, YOUR LANDLORD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF TREATMENT IF THE INFESTATION OCURS IN A BUILDING WITH 2 OR MORE DWELLINGS. IF YOU RENT A SINGLE FAMILY HOME, YOU WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST UNLESS YOU CAN ARGUE THE INFESTATION WAS THERE BEFORE YOU MOVED IN. YOU CAN ALSO ASK THE LANDLORD TO SHARE THE COST WITH YOU.

