

# Getting rid of bed bugs requires **TEAMWORK.**



*Know who needs to be involved to get rid of bed bugs.*

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## **TENANTS/RENTERS:**

- Alert building management of bed bug problem
  - Clean rooms and closets, including bookshelves, drawers, and nightstands
  - Wash and dry items that can be washed
  - Place items that can't be washed in a tightly-sealed plastic bag, and keep for 1 year (this kills bed bugs and their eggs)
  - Seal mattress and box springs
  - Check every item for bed bugs before bringing them back home
  - Call Environmental Health Emergency Hot Line (888) 700-9995 if building management doesn't respond to your complaint
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## **BUILDING MANAGERS/PROPERTY OWNERS:**

- Post a notice letting all tenants know to report bed bugs before Pest Management Professional's (PMP) visit
  - Contact or hire a PMP (you can find one in your local yellow pages)
  - Communicate with tenants, housing inspectors, and PMP to ensure bed bug problem is being resolved
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## **LICENSED HOUSING INSPECTORS:**

- Write a Housing Notice to document where live bed bugs were found
  - Give educational materials to management and tenants
  - Make verbal recommendations to tenants with clutter on the importance of a clutter-free environment
  - Write a Notice of Violation (NOV) to tenants with excessive clutter, if treatments fail
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## **LICENSED PEST MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS:**

- Inspect rooms before and after treatment
  - Clear a property of a bed bugs using best methods available
  - Alert the housing inspector of tenants that aren't cooperating
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