

Bedbugs



Adult bedbugs are flat, oval shaped bugs with a reddish brown-banded appearance. Adults grow to 4 to 5 mm in length (about the size of an apple seed). Newly hatched nymphs are translucent, lighter in color and continue to molt and become browner as they reach maturity. Bedbugs may appear bright red after feeding.

Bedbugs are nocturnal and are most active just before dawn. They are attracted by the warmth of a human body and the carbon dioxide that we exhale as we breathe. When a bedbug bites, it pierces the skin of its host with two hollow tubes. With one tube it injects its saliva, which contains anticoagulants and anesthetics, while with the other it withdraws the blood of its host. After feeding for about five minutes, the bug returns to its hiding place. The bites cannot usually be felt until some minutes or hours later, as a dermatological reaction to the injected agents. Bites are often found in rows or clusters on various places on the body. Bed bugs typically feed every five to ten days, although bedbugs can survive for as long as 18 months without feeding. Bedbugs can consume more than three times their own body weight in your blood. If a major infestation exists, you can be bitten several hundred times by bed bugs in a single night.

Mike's Pest Control, Inc. uses a comprehensive treatment for the extermination and control of bedbugs. The technician will thoroughly inspect and treat all areas of your home, including all beds and carpeting. Your cooperation is essential to our success in ridding your home of bedbugs. Please closely follow all preparation instructions. If you have any questions, contact us at 281-332-0019.

Preparing for a Bedbug Treatment:

- Remove all bedding and place sheets, blankets and pillowcases into the washing machine. Wash with hot water and detergent. Dry at highest temperature for approximately an hour.
- Empty all closets and dressers. Place items in airtight plastic bags. Wash all cloth items, such as clothing, towels, etc. in hot water and detergent and dry hot.
- When removing clean items from the dryer, place into a clean airtight bag. Keep all items sealed closed in bags until after the technician has completed the treatment.
- If possible, remove cushion covers from couches and wash. Vacuum couches.
- Pick up all loose items from the floor and vacuum carpets thoroughly.
- Plan to leave your home during the treatment and remain out for at least one hour.
- Cover your mattresses and box spring with an approved bedbug proof mattress or box spring encasement.

If any bedbugs remain two weeks after treatment, please contact Mike's Pest Control, Inc. to schedule a follow-up treatment. Compliance with the above preparation instructions is required for treatment to be effective.

Date of Service _____

Customer has complied with the above preparation instructions.

Technician Signature _____

Customer Signature _____