



BED BUGS CONCERNS

As you all have heard on the news, Bed Bugs are affecting the nation. Unfortunately, no one is safe from being a victim of Bed Bugs.

It is imperative that you contact Management immediately, if you suspect Bed Bugs in your apartment or within the building. The faster Management identifies the pest outbreak, the faster we can exterminate the pests and keep them out of our homes.

IN-HOME BED BUG REMEDIES DO NOT WORK. In-home bed bug sprays and treatments ONLY chase away the bed bugs for a short time. The bed bugs will return. The bed bug sprays the general consumer can purchase at a store, do not exterminate the bed bugs. Again, it is in the resident's best interest to call management as soon as there is any bed bug (or any pest) concern within the unit or building.

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Maintenance Email: Go to www.girardmanagement.com and select *Maintenance Work Order* under *Resident Tools* heading.

RESOURCES FOR IDENTIFYING AND AVOIDING BED BUGS

DO YOU HAVE BED BUGS?

- 1) www.wikihow.com/Recognize-Bed-Bugs
- 2) Call the office for a copy of the above internet link
- 3) High-level identifiers for bed bugs:
 - a. Pull back your mattress sheets and look in the seams of the mattress or any fabric that creates a hidden crease between fabrics. You will be able to see tiny little bugs moving. Also, inspect your headboards and pillows
 - b. Black dots on the mattress seams and edges, which are likely the bed bugs' fecal matter.
 - c. If you notice red, itchy bumps in a row or grouping on your body. Bed bugs feed on people. (Bed bugs can live a year without a host to feed on)

HOW CAN I AVOID BED BUGS?

- 4) www.wikihow.com/Prevent-Bed-Bugs
- 5) Call the office for a copy of the above internet link
- 6) Prevent bed bugs: Bed bugs can “hitch a ride” from any source, be it public transportation, the work place, travelling, and so on. Particularly, when travelling away from home, you should inspect your hotels before entering, and inspect your luggage and self when returning home. There are many ways to prevent bed bugs. Please see the link listed above or call the office for a copy of the link.

PEST COSTS

Please immediately report any pest concerns you may have in your unit or within the building. The property is serviced quarterly for basic pests, but you are responsible for your unit. All pest treatments in the resident's unit could be charged back to the resident. The sooner bed bugs are reported and treated, the less costly the treatments are.

In addition, if the pest outbreak stems from your unit and it spreads to adjoining units and common areas, all costs for the treatments to exterminate the pests could be charged to the initial outbreak unit. In such, reporting possible pest concerns immediately is in the resident's best interest for health and financial purposes.