

Green House Bed Bug Management Guidelines (Based on CDC IPM Principles)

Green House Pest Control follows the guidance of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for bed bug management, based on the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

1. Inspection and Verification

- Accurate identification is essential.
- Look for live bed bugs, blood spots, black fecal stains, eggs and shed skins.
- Inspect mattress seams, bed frames, behind wallpaper, under carpets and inside electrical outlets using a flashlight.

2. Integrated Treatment Strategy

- Chemical treatment alone is not sufficient.
- Heat treatment is the most effective method for killing all life stages, including eggs.
- Freezing may be used for heat-sensitive items.
- Use a HEPA vacuum to remove bed bugs and eggs.
- Install mattress encasements to trap remaining insects.

3. Chemical Treatment

- Use EPA-registered products labeled for bed bugs.
- Apply only to cracks, crevices and hiding places—not sleeping surfaces.
- Rotate active ingredients because resistance may develop.

4. Prevention

- Seal cracks with silicone.
- When travelling, inspect hotel rooms and use luggage racks.
- Inspect second-hand furniture before bringing it indoors.

5. Public Awareness

- Bed bugs are not known to transmit infectious diseases.
- Customer cooperation is essential, including laundering, decluttering and sealing entry points.

