

Guidance Document for Bed Bug Eradication Proposals

All Pest Management Companies should have the qualifications described below. All eradication methods should be described clearly so as to be easily understood. The licensed professional will be considered the expert at handling bed bugs and should provide additional scope of work details as needed. The scope of work described in this document provides guidance only and is not expected to address all aspects of bed bug eradication. The licensed professional should take any and all steps necessary for the eradication the bed bugs and the proposal should include a description of all steps and methods to be employed. If the scope of work includes a service not provided by the Company, the proposal should describe how the Company will work with building management or the tenants to address the issue.

Pest Management Professional Qualifications

1. The Pest Management Company must provide proof of licensure by the State of Vermont as described by 6 V.S.A Chapter 87 Section VI (<http://www.vermontagriculture.com/ARMES/VTregs91.htm#Section%20VI>)
2. The Pest Management Company must provide proof of insurance
3. Technicians must be certified by the State of Vermont in categories 7A General Pest Control and 7C Food Processing Pest Control as described in 6 V.S.A Chapter 87 Section VIII (<http://www.vermontagriculture.com/ARMES/VTregs91.htm#Section%20VIII>)
4. The Company should be a member of a professional organization
5. The Company should have a staff entomologist or access to one
6. The Pest Management Company and technicians must have experience with bedbug management
7. The Company must provide references of successful eradication of bed bugs

Scope of Work

1. Comprehensive inspection of the facility
2. Determine the source(s) of the infestation
3. Identify the pest (i.e bed bug, bat bug?)



4. Develop an ongoing inspection and monitoring program for post-treatment surveillance to prevent wide-scale infestations from recurring
5. Detailed documentation of all management aspects
6. Education of the tenants and building management
 - Implement a community-wide education program within the apartment complex
 - Inform caregivers about programs
7. Resident preparation for assisting Pest Management Company with suppression activities
 - Cleaning and organization of the living area
 - Reducing clutter in the home
 - Bagging and removal of bedding and clothing from the affected area
 - Washing sheets and blankets and drying on HOT setting
 - Encasing the mattress and box spring in a zippered encasement
 - Isolating the cleaned (bed bug free) items until bed bugs are gone
8. Elimination of bed bug habitats and harborages
 - Washing or treating the headboard and bed frame
 - Cleaning and removing bed bugs from other items
 - Treatment of bed bugs in the walls, electrical fixtures, or on pipes
 - Sealing of cracks and loose wall paper
9. Investigate the possible use of heat as part of the Integrated Pest Management of all stages of bed bugs, and provide detailed information of the implementation of such a program
10. Careful and targeted use of insecticides
11. Develop a post-treatment plan for residents to prevent re-infestation
12. Develop an informational packet for residents, departing residents, and future residents