

# BEDBUG NOTIFICATION ADDENDUM

This document is an Addendum and is part of the Rental/Lease Agreement, dated \_\_\_\_\_ between \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Owner/Agent) "Owner/Agent" and  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(List all Residents as listed on the Rental/Lease Agreement) "Resident" for the  
premises located at \_\_\_\_\_, Unit # (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)  
\_\_\_\_\_, CA \_\_\_\_\_.  
(City) (Zip)

It is our goal to maintain the highest quality living environment for our Residents. The Owner/Agent has inspected the unit prior to lease and knows of no bedbug infestation. Residents have an important role in preventing and controlling bed bugs. While the presence of bed bugs is not always related to personal cleanliness or housekeeping, good housekeeping can assist with early detection and make bed bug control easier if it is necessary.

## 1. Previous Infestations

- A Resident shall not bring onto a property personal furnishings or belongings that the Resident knows or should reasonably know are infested with bed bugs, including the personal property of the Resident's guests.

## 2. Prompt Reporting

- **If you find or suspect a bed bug infestation, please notify Owner/Agent as soon as possible**, and describe any signs of infestation, so that the problem can be addressed promptly. Please do not wait. Even a few bugs can rapidly multiply to create a major infestation that can spread from unit to unit.
- **Report any maintenance needs immediately.** Bed bugs like cracks, crevices, holes, and other openings. Request that all openings be sealed to prevent the movement of bed bugs from room to room.
- If you suspect a bedbug infestation, or have other maintenance needs, please provide your notice to:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Information about Bed Bugs

- **Bed bug Appearance:** Bed bugs have six legs. Adult bed bugs have flat bodies about 1/4 of an inch in length. Their color can vary from red and brown to copper colored. Young bed bugs are very small. Their bodies are about 1/16 of an inch in length. They have almost no color. When a bed bug feeds, its body swells, may lengthen, and becomes bright red, sometimes making it appear to be a different insect. Bed bugs do not fly. They can either crawl or be carried from place to place on objects, people, or animals. Bed bugs can be hard to find and identify because they are tiny and try to stay hidden.
- **Life Cycle and Reproduction:** An average bed bug lives for about 10 months. Female bed bugs lay one to five eggs per day. Bed bugs grow to full adulthood in about 21 days.
- Bed bugs can survive for months without feeding.
- **Bed bug Bites:** Because bed bugs usually feed at night, most people are bitten in their sleep and do not realize they were bitten. A person's reaction to insect bites is an immune response and so varies from person to person. Sometimes the red welts caused by the bites will not be noticed until many days after a person was bitten, if at all.



- **Common signs and symptoms** of a possible bed bug infestation:
  - Small red to reddish brown fecal spots on mattresses, box springs, bed frames, linens, upholstery, or walls.
  - Molted bed bug skins, white, sticky eggs, or empty eggshells.
  - Very heavily infested areas may have a characteristically sweet odor.
  - Red, itchy bite marks, especially on the legs, arms, and other body parts exposed while sleeping. However, some people do not show bed bug lesions on their bodies even though bed bugs may have fed on them.
- For more information, see the Internet Websites of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the National Pest Management Association.
  - <http://www2.epa.gov/bedbugs>
  - <http://www.pestworld.org/all-things-bed-bugs/>

#### 4. Cooperation with Pest Control

- Residents shall cooperate with the inspection including allowing entry to inspect any unit selected by the pest control operator until bed bugs have been eliminated and providing *to the pest control operator information that is necessary* to facilitate the detection **and treatment** of bed bugs
- Prior to treatment, affected Residents will receive a written notice including the date(s) and time(s) of treatment, whether and when the Resident is required to be absent from the unit, the deadline for Resident preparation of the unit and a pretreatment checklist with information provided by the pest control operator.
- The Resident shall fulfill his or her responsibilities for unit preparation before the scheduled treatment, as described in the pest control operator's pretreatment checklist.
- Residents shall be responsible for the management of their belongings, including, but not limited to, clothing and personal furnishings.
- If the pest control operator determines that it is necessary for an Owner/Agent or Resident to dispose of items infested with bed bugs, the items shall be securely sealed in a bag that are of a size as to readily contain the disposed material. Bags shall be furnished as needed to Residents by the property owner or pest control operator. All bags shall be clearly labeled as being infested with bed bugs prior to disposal.
- Residents who are not able to fulfill their unit preparation responsibilities shall notify the Owner/Agent at least one business day prior to the scheduled PCO visit for inspection or treatment.
- A Resident must vacate his or her unit if required by the pest control operator for treatment purposes and shall not reenter the unit until directed by the pest control operator to do so.

#### 5. Prevention Recommendations

- Resident should **check for hitch-hiking bedbugs**. If you stay in a hotel or another home, inspect your clothing, luggage, shoes, and belongings for signs of bed bugs *before* you enter your apartment. Check backpacks, shoes, and clothing after visits to friends or family, theaters, or after using public transportation.
- **Thoroughly clean after guests have departed**. Immediately after your guests leave, seal bed linens in plastic bags, until they can be washed and dried on high heat. After your guests have departed, inspect bedding, mattresses and box springs, behind headboards, carpet edges and the undersides of sofa cushions for signs of bed bugs.
- Resident should **avoid using appliances, electronics and furnishings that have not been thoroughly inspected for the presence of bedbugs**. Make sure that the electronics, appliance, or furniture company has established procedures for the inspection and identification of bedbugs or other pests. This process should include inspection of trucks used to transport appliances, electronics, or furniture. Never accept an item that shows signs of bedbugs. Check secondhand furniture, beds, and couches for any **signs of bed bug infestation** before bringing them home. Never take discarded items from the curbside.



- Use a protective cover that encases mattresses and box springs and eliminates many hiding spots. The light color of the encasement makes bed bugs easier to see. Be sure to purchase a high quality bed bug encasement that will resist tearing and check the encasements regularly for holes. Page \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Reduce clutter in your home to reduce hiding places for bed bugs.
- Vacuum frequently to remove successful hitchhikers.
- Be vigilant when using shared laundry facilities. Transport items to be washed in plastic bags (if you have an active infestation, use a new bag for the journey home). Remove from dryer directly into bag and fold at home. (A dryer on high heat can kill bed bugs.)

The undersigned Resident(s) acknowledge(s) having read and understood the foregoing:

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