



BEDBUG INSPECTION

CHECKLIST

We will visit you soon to check your home or business premises for bed bugs. To make this check as pleasant as possible for both you and us and our dogs, we would like to ask you to take the following things into account. These promote the accuracy and efficiency of the inspection. If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you. Thank you very much in advance for your cooperation!

Parking Space



Make sure that there is a space for us to park nearby, if possible a spot in the shade, and let us know in advance. We arrive with a large bus, so take this into account when selecting a suitable location.



Ventilation systems

look up and indicate to us in time which ventilation systems are present in the rooms to be searched. This can be i.a. air-conditioning or exhaust systems.



Found bed bugs yourself?

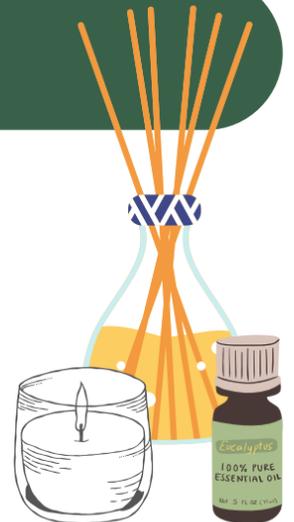


If you have been bitten, we ask you to take pictures of the bites. If you have found anything that you suspect may be a bed bug, keep it in a jar in the refrigerator until the time of inspection. This helps us determine whether there are actually bed bugs.



Distracting scents

Try to avoid distracting scents such as air fresheners, incense, essential oils, scented candles, and other strong scents well in advance of the inspection. Do not treat items yourself with insecticides or products such as tea tree oil, as this disperses the bed bugs and makes the dog's job more difficult.



Food items



Put away food items in the areas to be searched prior to the inspection. This also applies to animal feed. This prevents it from possibly being a distraction for the dog.



Noise and human distraction

Try to keep noise and (human) distractions to a minimum during the inspection to create the most effective search environment for the dog. Ensure smoke alarm batteries are not "chirping".



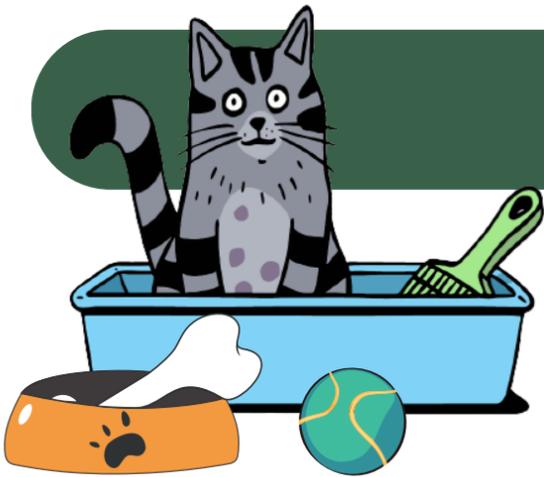


Other pets

Do you have pets? Please tell us in advance. During the check other pets are not allowed to be in the rooms that are to be inspected. This is to not make it unnecessary more difficult for the dog. Bird cages should be moved or covered prior to the inspection. If your dog/cat/pet is/has been ill recently, we cannot inspect your home. Please let us know in advance.



Pet supplies

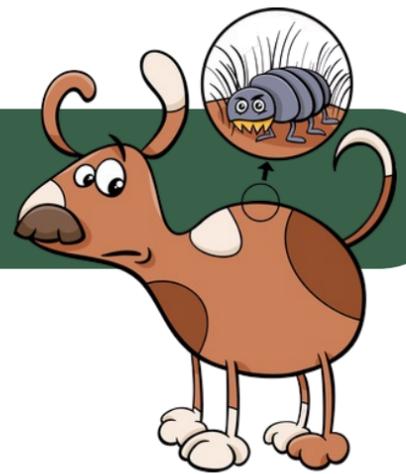


Relocate pet food, water bowls, litter boxes and toys to an area that is inaccessible to the bed bug detection canine.

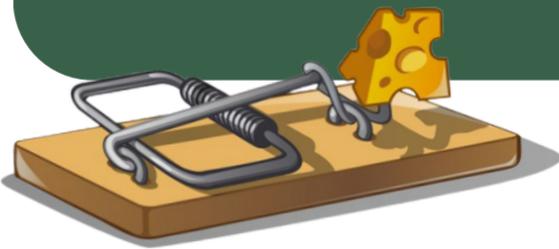


Fleas

Please notify our handlers in advance of current or suspected flea infestations in your home.



Rodent baits

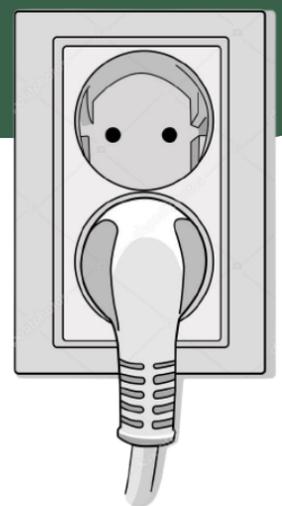


Please remove all rodent baits, glue boards and snap traps prior to the inspection.



Receptacles

Bed bugs can hide in receptacles. If you have receptacles behind bunk beds or some other item, please make sure these items are moved away from the wall to allow them to be inspected.



Closets



Closets can only be checked if accessible and organised. Prepare clothing for successful inspection by cleaning all clothes and putting them loosely into drawers, with drawers open a 1/2 inch.



Suitcases and bags

Place bags, suitcases, bookbags, and plastic bins in a large room, away from walls, and open them prior to inspection. The same applies for recently used luggage or travel bags.



Sharp and dangerous items



For the safety of our dogs, please remove sharp and dangerous objects from the areas to be searched prior to the inspection. This included both over-the-counter and prescription medication.



Fragile items

Please put away fragile items prior to the inspection.



Declutter rooms



Declutter the inspection area as best as possible for optimal results. Untidy and cluttered spaces make the work of the dog and the handler unnecessarily more difficult, which increases the chance that bed bugs may be missed. If possible, move furniture,

(especially beds) away from walls to allow for the canine to search around the entire item.

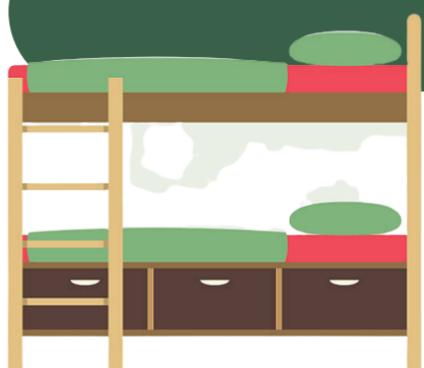


Don't clean in advance

Do not use cleaning agents in the areas to be searched for at least 24 hours in advance. This applies to (aggressive) chemical cleaning agents such as bleach, ammonia and chlorine, as well as natural/biodegradable products.



Bunk beds



If you have a bunk bed, please remove the top mattress and place it on the floor of the bedroom so that it is easy for the dog to search.



Beds

Bed linen should preferably be removed in advance (washing bed linen at 60 degrees is sufficient to kill any possible bed bugs hiding in it). The beds should be moved away from the wall and preferably placed on their side prior to the inspection. Please remove all objects stored under the beds and store them on the ground near the bed.



No chemical treatments



Ensure that the property to be searched has not recently (less than six weeks prior to the inspection) been treated with chemicals to control bed bugs, other pests and/or mold. Heat treatments are allowed. Please

inform us when in the weeks before the inspection a form of (non-chemical) treatment has been applied by yourself or a recognized company (eg. steaming). This can affect the presence and/or distribution of the bed bugs in the rooms.



Temperature

Dogs can only search if the heat doesn't make them pant excessively. When the temperature in a building to be searched is too high (above 20 degrees), please bring it down by temporarily opening the windows and turning off the heating. Before the inspection (when the temperature has dropped sufficiently) these should be closed again.



Smoke and smoking



Please do not smoke in the areas to be searched for at least 3 hours before the inspection. If you smoke, the rooms to be searched should be ventilated prior to the inspection. Candles and (wood/gas) heaters must be switched off/extinguished at least 3 hours in advance.



Shoes

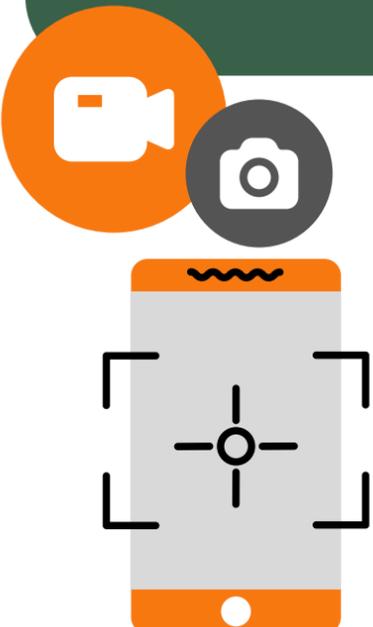
The handler(s) will enter the building and the areas to be searched wearing shoes. If desired they will wear shoe covers. Please communicate this to us in advance or upon arrival.



Photos and videos



If possible, please send us photos and/or videos of the areas to be searched prior to the inspection. If this is not possible, we would like to receive an overview of which areas need to be searched and their (estimated) surface area. This helps the handler(s) prepare for the inspection and gives them the opportunity to communicate any changes to be made by you in a timely manner to promote the accuracy and efficiency of the inspection.



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