

Good Night, Sleep Tight

Don't Let The Bed Bugs Bite...

Summer is coming to an end, and I would like to share an experience my wife and I had this season. We went to a very nice country club in the White Mountains to celebrate our anniversary. For about 12 years now, I have been attending classes on the new and current issues with bed bugs. I was one of those who thought this would never happen to me, but guess what... We were cursed with being bitten by bed bugs while staying in this very nice, clean resort. What a difficult time for my wife. I did not suffer any bad effects; however, Julia broke out with severe itching from the bites. In fact, the itching was so bad she went to the emergency room to get relief, and even they could not help much. For 3 days she suffered with terrible scratching. I now use our experience to help clients avoid such discomfort.

First, before I enter a room, I inspect it for evidence of the little creatures. I inspect under the sheets, behind the headboard, in the dresser draws, and behind any pictures. They are fairly easy to see. Another clue is the smell they give off if a large infestation is present. The musty citrus odor was present in the room we stayed in; however, I just thought it was a scented candle or something. If I have any concerns about a room, now I ask for another.

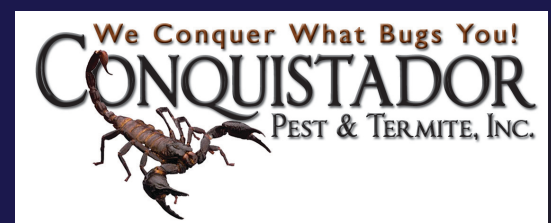
It is fascinating how these creatures, once thought to be virtually gone, have made such a come back. There are many

reasons for this, such as less use of insecticides, more people living in cramped housing conditions and, of course, world travel. We will always have these creatures to deal with, and luckily for those who want to know more there is a lot of information available online and from us.

We at Conquistador are trained to deal with these irritating invaders, so please call me if you have any further questions. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve you.

Ken Fredrick, Owner

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Another Kind Of Snowbird: Bed Bug Specifics



Kids are back in school and holidays are fast approaching. This can mean only one thing...“Snow birds!” There are all kinds of Snowbirds, but what we worry about are the kind with six legs: Bed bugs.

Bed bugs are small, red-brown flattened insects up to about one-quarter of an inch long that feed on human blood taken from sleeping victims. They can be found in the richest homes as well as the poorest, discount motels and four star resorts, buses and airplanes, theatres and even restaurant booths. Though sanitation can be a contributing factor in the severity of an infestation, even very clean homes can get bed bugs.

Though a small percentage of the population can have a severe reaction to the bites, for the most part the bites are painless and carry no disease. Most people don't even know that they have bed bugs until the population gets so large, it just can't hide anymore. Then blood spots on the sheets, pockets of insects, a sweet musty smell is noticed, and/or the bites and associated welts become too numerous to ignore.

Bed bug complaints are up all over the country, but the biggest increases are in densely populated cities or vacation destinations like Tucson. They travel in suitcases, folded clothing and bedding. College students are also a common method of transporting these insects between homes and dormitories.

A person who was never exposed to bed bugs may pick them up in their suitcases when the bags are stored with other infested bags in the cargo hold of aircraft. Staying in an infested hotel or sitting in an upholstered infested restaurant booth may also result in a bed bug problem.

It takes an experienced pest control inspector to detect an early bed bug infestation. Your Conquistador technician has the training to do these inspections. The inspection service can be added to your regularly scheduled service program. For more information, please call the office for details.

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