

# THE PEST CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## Common bedbug fact sheet

- Adults are 1/5" x 1/8" oval flat and reddish brown to mahogany in color (about the size of a tick).
- Bedbug eggs are white and about 1/25" (1mm) long.
- Females lay 1-5 eggs per day up to about 200.
- At normal room temperature eggs hatch in 6-17 days.
- Nymphs shed their skin five times as they mature. Each time they shed they need a blood meal. This takes about 14-30 days.
- Bed bugs are very hardy and can live up to a year without food.
- Bed bugs can overwinter in unheated buildings and live.
- Adults live six to seven months up to eighteen months.
- Bed bugs are excellent hidiers and hitchhikers. They are extremely shy and wary
- They can live/go anywhere people are.
- They are most active at night.
- Bedbugs in the home usually begin to infest the bedrooms in the mattresses, box springs and nearby furniture (close to their food source).
- Currently bedbugs are invading multiple and single family housing, dormitories, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, theaters, day care centers, airports, planes, public transportation, public places, offices, hotels, motels, etc.

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