

Quechan Indian Tribe Bed Bug Management Guide

Be Aware!

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Simple Steps for Dealing with Bed Bugs

1. If You Think You Have Bed Bugs

- **Report It:** Call the Quechan Control Department Supervisor, Anotnio Emerson, at (928) 919-2490.
- **Inspection:** The Quechan Pesticide Control Officer will inspect your home for signs of bed bugs (such as live bugs, eggs, kitchen cabinets, or dark spots on furniture or bedding).

2. If Bed Bugs Are Found

- **Confirmation:** Only the Vector Control Department, the Pesticide Control Officer, or the Department's Director can confirm an infestation.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - The Vector Control Department will create a plan to treat the problem.
 - **What You'll Be Told:**
 - How the treatment will work.
 - How to prepare your home (like washing and bagging personal items).
 - Be aware that other furniture might be affected if it's confirmed you have an infestation (couch, chairs, and clothing).
 - **After Treatment:**
 - More follow-ups or treatments may be needed as a precaution.
 - The area might be closed temporarily if needed, and you might leave the house (if it is determined that they are in more than one place).
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How to Prepare for Treatment

- ✓ **Clean Up:** Vacuum and wipe down the area as best as possible, but keep in mind that bed bugs could be throughout the house.
- ✓ **Bag Items:** Put clean clothes, bedding, and stuffed toys in sealed bags.

- ✓ **Wash & Dry:** Use extreme hot water for laundry and dry on high heat for 30 minutes.
 - ✓ **Keep Clean Items Safe:** Store them in sealed bags until the bugs are gone.
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How to Prevent Bed Bugs

- ✗ **Check Used Items:** Inspect second-hand furniture or bedding before bringing them home.
 - ✗ **Travel Smart:** Look for bugs in hotel rooms and keep luggage off the floor.
 - ✗ **Avoid Clutter:** Less clutter means fewer hiding spots for bugs.
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Quick Bed Bug Facts

- ◆ They are small, don't fly, and bite (but don't spread diseases).
- ◆ Bites may itch, but are usually harmless.
- ◆ They can live for months without feeding.
- ◆ They can be found anywhere—clean or dirty.

Remember, bed bugs can be found everywhere!

