

DON'T GET BUGGED

This is such an “icky” topic and it gives me heebie jeebies just compiling my data. However, this quarter I would like to share information with you about bed bugs.

Our society has had a nearly 30 year “vacation” from bed bugs as they had almost been completely removed from North America. Recently, however, they have had resurgence. Why? Well, the factors are many, but leading the way is 1) lack of awareness; 2) frequency of travel; and 3) changes in acceptable methods of treatment. This newsletter will certainly help to eliminate the lack of awareness!

Bed bugs are parasites that feed on the blood of people, using these blood meals to grow and reproduce. They do not distinguish between dirty or clean homes and all people are vulnerable to infestations in their homes.



They live close to areas where people typically sleep, rest, or sit for long periods. Hungry bugs will move out from their hiding places, in search of exposed skin. Once an appropriate site is found, they feed for 2-5 minutes until full, and then move quickly away from the person and into a hiding place. This is why the best place to look for bed bugs is where you sleep. Check along the box springs, mattresses and bed frames.

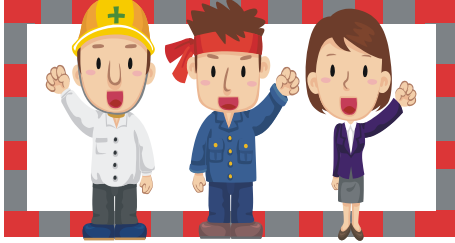
Look for dark spots about the size of this •, which is bed bug excrement.

Prevention is the key! The first step to prevention is to be vigilant in your travels (always checking your bed at a hotel or other destination); vigilant in your home furnishings (be very wary of secondhand furniture); and vigilant in your reduction of clutter (this will reduce hiding places).

If you suspect an infestation, HUD regulations will not allow the HQS inspector to come to your home until the issue is resolved. You must, however, contact your manager as quickly as possible so measures can be taken for treatment of your home.

As my mother always said “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” That old adage definitely applies to bed bugs!!!

Sunny



The office will be closed on September 3rd
in honor of Labor Day!

TENANT APPRECIATION CELEBRATIONS

Each year we like to have a little social get together with our tenants to say “thank you.” This year the events will be as follows:

Christensen Courts BBQ – Aug 2nd at 1 pm

Portneuf Towers BBQ – Aug 3rd at 1 pm

McKinley Manor Popsicle Social –
Aug 7 at 4 pm

Maple West Popsicle Social – Aug 8
at 4 pm

Kats and Pinewood tenants are welcome to
join in at any of the above listed locations!

Mark your calendar for the

SCAM JAM

August 9th, 2012 9-4pm
@ ISU

This is a full day workshop aimed at helping the elderly and disabled learn how to avoid scams! Lunch will be provided and lots of information will be shared. Details will be posted in the office as the date approaches.

Contracting Opportunities for the City of Pocatello

As part of its RENEWAL Program, the City of Pocatello’s Neighborhood & Community Services Division offers bidding opportunities to area contractors. Rehab projects include plumbing, electrical, and HVAC work, as well as roof replacement or repair and sidewalk installation. Interested contractors can request to be placed on bid mailing lists by calling 234-6255, or can view current bids at the Housing Authority office, at City Hall or on the City’s website at www.pocatello.us. Preference is given to Section 3 residents and business concerns. For more information, please call 234-6185

Remember! Maintenance can always be reached at 220-9621!!