

## **BEDBUG REMOVAL ACTION PLAN**

In the event, a bedbug infestation is documented by Falls City Housing Authority personnel or a professional exterminator, a sequence of steps will be necessary for the tenant to complete in order to prepare the unit and/or its contents for treatment. The number of steps to be taken by the tenant may vary depending on the severity of the infestation. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

Using a vacuum cleaner (preferably HEPA-filtered), remove the bugs and their cast skins from all observed and suspected harborage sites. All overstuffed furniture and items which cannot be laundered shall be vacuumed. The vacuum bag should be removed immediately afterward, sealed tightly inside a larger plastic bag, and the bag placed in an outside dumpster.

Unit shall be thoroughly cleaned including washing of all floors, walls, dressers, drawers, closets, cabinets and blinds with disinfectant water.

Launder all cloth items (including curtains) in hot water for at least 10 minutes, with soap or detergent, then dried in a hot dryer for at least 20 minutes, or dry clean to kill all bedbug life stages present. Place and seal all laundered cloth items inside new large plastic bags or tightly closed bins to prevent any bedbugs from reinfesting the items.

Any items which cannot be washed or thoroughly cleaned are subject to be thrown away.

Mattress and box spring covers shall be provided by the tenant for installation once items have been treated for bedbugs by the exterminator. These covers shall be of high quality and be designated for said purpose of limiting exposure to bedbugs.

Furniture which is heavily infested is subject to be removed from the unit permanently.

Excess clutter shall be removed by the tenant and will NOT be returned to the unit.

After treatment, tenant shall be required to daily report all locations of live bedbugs seen. Additional inspections and treatments will be scheduled accordingly.

The above instructions are guidelines only and are subject to change. We will follow the protocol as outlined by the pest control company.

The Falls City Housing Authority will NOT incur the cost of unit preparation or its contents, alternate living arrangements while unit is being treated, or the replacement of any items directed for disposal. The Falls City Housing Authority will incur the cost of treatment to the unit.

**FAILURE OF THE TENANT TO COOPERATE IN ALL ASPECTS OF BEDBUG PREVENTION OR TREATMENT OF BEDBUGS MAY RESULT IN ADVERSE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE TENANT, UP TO AND INCLUDING EVICTION.**