

# PCHA NEWS

## MAY 2019



### Important Dates

May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Mother's Day

May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting

May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Office Meeting  
Closed 8am-10am

May 27<sup>th</sup>  
Memorial Day  
(Office Closed)

***Income must be turned in!!! We are continuing to find tenants not turning in income changes. Anytime your income changes up or down we need at least 2 current consecutive check stubs.***

***We have a new method of income changes.***

***EX: If you make \$10,000.00 per year and your income drops to less than \$9,500.00, we need to have your information. This falls under the 5% guidelines for changing your income. Same as making \$10,000 and your income raises over \$10,500.00 per year. By turning this in you receive a 30 day grace period before the change goes into effect. If you don't know if your annual income falls in the 5% guidelines bring in your information to us to look at and if it does not qualify for a change at least we have the information for your file.***

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**Please make sure we have your correct phone number and mailing address on file. We have been receiving quite a bit of returned mail due to addresses being incorrect.**

**REMINDERS:**

*If your electricity is shut off due to non-payment, you will receive a 30 day notice. There are no exceptions!*

*If your rent is more than 2 months past due, you will receive a 14 day notice. We are no longer allowing tenants to carry high balances on their accounts.*

***You must be 25 feet from the building when smoking!! ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING INDOORS!! These are national rules and they apply here just as they do everywhere else.***



**Recerts start May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup> for Barry, Baylis, New Canton, and Pleasant Hill. All tenants must be recertified once a year.**

**Please make sure you have all your information ready to turn in. We will only use what you have turned in. All recertification information must be turned in, if you do not turn anything in you are in violation of your lease. If it is not ready by recertification time then you should turn it in to the office ASAP.**

*We are going to begin work at Landess Terrace. We are going to be replacing facia, soffit, siding, and doing tuckpointing work.*

*Make sure you are taking care of your pets and their waste. We have been receiving complaints on this issue. No More than 2 pets per unit and dogs can weigh NO MORE than 35 pounds.*



Please make sure your apartments are not cluttered. Should you need a bedbug treatment, there is a checklist that **must** be completed before the treatment can be done. Also, if your apartment is cluttered pest control cannot properly treat your unit. Which can cause problems with other units around you.

The maintenance building project is almost complete. It is now completely secure and will be for years to come. We have received complaints about this work. This had to be done due to children climbing on the roof of the building, which is a safety hazard, and the fact we were running out of space.







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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 Board Meeting 3pm	17 Office closed 8am-10am	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Closed	28	29	30	31	1



**Be the first one to answer correctly and you will receive  
a \$25.00 credit on your account.**

**What is dressed when night falls and  
undressed when day breaks?**

The answer to last month's question was Live/Evil



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# Prevention & Control

## Bed Bugs in Multi-Unit Housing

Multi-unit housing such as apartment buildings, condominiums, group homes, shelters and dormitories, may be the most difficult structures from which to eradicate bed bugs. **Bed bug elimination in multi-unit housing depends on the knowledge, effort and cooperation of all persons involved**, including landlords, building managers, residents, and pest control professionals.

### GUIDELINES

- When bed bugs are thought to be present, immediately inform the building manager.
- To confirm an infestation, specimens should be identified by an entomologist or pest management professional.
- When an infestation is confirmed, residents should be provided guidelines on building treatment policies, instructed to avoid ineffective and potentially harmful pesticide use including the use of aerosol “foggers,” and informed on how to detect and prevent the spread of bed bugs by not bringing potentially infested items into theirs or other units.
- For each unit, management should ensure bed bugs are prevented from moving between units by sealing gaps around vents and pipes penetrating common walls, sealing around floor registers and light fixtures, as well as around phone, cable and electrical outlets.
- **Do not delay treatment!** Employ a pest control professional as soon as possible because bed bugs will reproduce and spread, making their control much more difficult and costly.
- Tenants should be advised to prepare their units by eliminating clutter, laundering and granting access for inspection and treatment. If possible, mattresses and box springs should be enclosed in “encasements,” and traps should be applied to bed legs.
- *At a minimum*, infested units and all units above, below and adjacent to infested units, plus common areas such as hallways and laundry rooms, should be inspected and treated as necessary.
- Follow-up inspections and treatments should be performed about every two weeks after initial treatment, until no bites or bed bugs are observed for at least two months.



**Adult bed bug**

Photo: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



**Bed bug nymph after feeding**

Photo: University of Florida



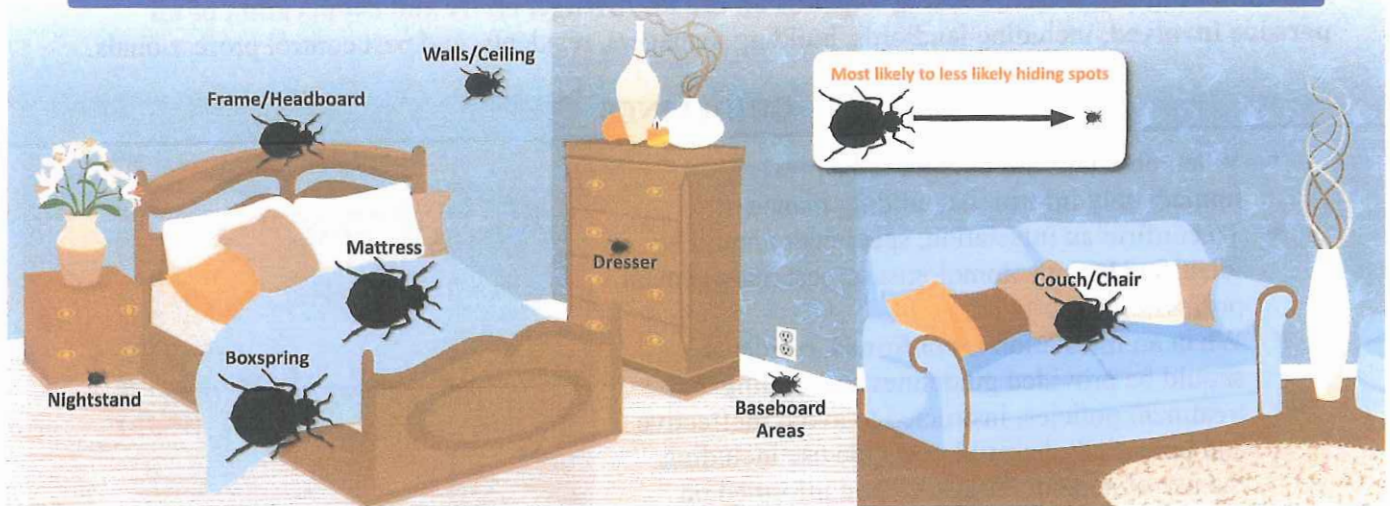
# BITE BACK!

## YOU CAN CONTROL BED BUGS.

Bed bugs are a widespread problem in Illinois and around the world.  
Here's what you can do to protect yourself.

### WHERE TO LOOK: BED BUG HIDING SPOTS

Bed bugs hide in cracks and tight spaces within 6 to 8 feet of the sleeping areas – above, under and around.

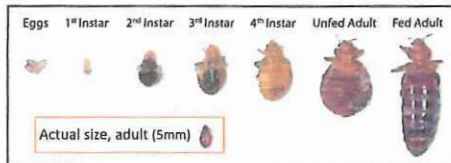


### WHAT TO LOOK FOR.

Dark brown or black spots



Bedbug life cycle



Pictures courtesy of J.L. Obermeyer, Purdue University and Dr. D. Miller, Virginia Tech University

### WHAT ABOUT BITES?

The only way to be sure that you have bed bugs is to find the bug. Why? Because their bites look like those of other insects or skin problems, and many people don't react to their bites at all.



**Dirty living conditions DO NOT attract bed bugs,** but cleaning regularly and removing clutter will help you see and better control them. Always be aware of your surroundings and take action quickly when a problem is found.

#### How You Get Bed Bugs



Travel



Used Furniture



Guests

#### Top 4 Things You Can Do To Stop Bed Bugs

- Reduce clutter, especially in bedrooms.
- Look often for signs in sleeping areas.
- Put bedding and other items in the clothes dryer using high heat for at least 30 minutes.\*
- Report problems quickly to landlord and/or an experienced pest control operator.

\*Heat is one of the best treatments for bed bugs because it kills all bed bugs, eggs to adults.



**IMPORTANT! Bed bug bombs and foggers do NOT work for controlling bed bugs.**



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For Additional Information Contact:

Illinois Department of Public Health, [www.idph.state.il.us/enrhealth/pebedbugs.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/enrhealth/pebedbugs.htm)  
Safer Pest Control Project, [www.spcpweb.org](http://www.spcpweb.org)



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