



Bedbug

Cimex lectularius

They're Baaack!!!!!!



(Actual photo of a Bedbug feeding)

The question is why? Widespread use of baits rather than liquid insecticides for ant and cockroaches is a factor that has been implicated in their return. International travel and commerce are also thought to facilitate these hitchhikers, which are readily transported in luggage, clothing, bedding and furniture.

The adult Bedbug is 3/16-inch long, oval, flat and rusty red in Color. After feeding it becomes more elongated, plump and takes on a darker red appearance. Females will lay 200-500 eggs in there lifetime. Eggs hatch in about 7 days, with nymphs taking a blood meal between each of their molts. The cycle is completed in 21 days.

During the day, Bedbugs hide in cracks and crevices, usually preferring surfaces made of wood or paper. At night, they leave their harborage sites in search of a blood meal. As the bug feeds, it injects an anti-coagulant into the wound. Some individuals will develop an allergic reaction, causing severe itching and swelling, whereas others may be unaware they have become a host.

A thorough inspection to locate all harborage sites is vital. These ecto-parasites are difficult to manage and require multiple visits, using crack and crevice applications, growth regulators and sterilization. EHS provides a detailed preparation sheet and educates the client on his role in the program. Our methods have proven to be successful in the war against Bedbugs.

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