

Bed Bug Inspection Checklist

For turnovers, pre-lease walkthroughs, and annual unit inspections

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Adults, nymphs, and eggs together in a mattress seam — the range of evidence to look for.

Use Section 1 for vacant, unfurnished units. Use Section 2 whenever furniture is present.

1. Vacant Turnover Units

- ☐ **Baseboards**
Run a flashlight along every baseboard, especially corners where two runs meet.
- ☐ **Trim & door casings**
Check all wood-to-wall seams, including window casings.
- ☐ **Outlet & switch covers**
Remove plates near where furniture used to sit and check the wall void.
- ☐ **Old furniture footprint**
Check flooring and the wall section behind where the bed and headboard were.
- ☐ **Leftover furniture**
Any furniture left behind gets a full Section 2 inspection, not a quick look.

2. Occupied & Annual Inspections

- ☐ **Mattress seams**
The single most productive spot. Check every seam, the piping, and the tag.
- ☐ **Headboard**
Focus on where it attaches to the wall or bed frame.
- ☐ **Bed frame joints**
Check where rails meet the headboard/footboard and any corner brackets.
- ☐ **Nightstands & nearby furniture**
Check drawer joints and undersides within a few feet of the bed.
- ☐ **Upholstered furniture**
Check couch and chair seams near sleeping areas if present.

What You're Looking For

Rusty crush spots

Reddish-brown smears left after a bed bug is crushed.

Fecal specks

Small dark spots, often clustered along seams.

Castings

Pale, empty shed skins, usually found near fecal specks.

Unit / Notes: _____

Evidence found in either section? Catching it before new tenants move in, or before it spreads, is what matters most.

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