

# BED BUGS

Mattress and box springs are carefully inspected for bed bugs.

Recycled mattresses or box springs must be free of bed bugs. Bed bugs are known to cause allergic reactions in many people. Since our mattresses and box springs are taken apart by hand, it is important to not bring mattresses or box springs in with these little critters.

Please take a look at the pictures below to understand what to look for when inspecting your own mattress or box spring for bed bugs.



**Life Cycle of Bed Bugs**



**Bed bugs are circled in red.**

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- 1) Mattresses or box springs with bed bugs will be rejected and sent to the landfill for disposal.
  - 2) Mattresses or box springs that have bed bugs and are in a stack of mattresses or box springs will ALL be rejected.
  - 3) Mold on a mattress or box spring will smear. Bed bug feces will not smear.
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**For more information call the Environmental Department  
(507) 532-8210.**