

BATTLING BED BUGS

A practical training workshop

Friday, February 3rd, 2012 (8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Delta Hotel, 105 King Street East, Kitchener, ON N2G 2K8

To register online visit: <http://survey.regionofwaterloo.ca/bedbugworkshop>

If you are unable to register online please call: 519-883-2008 ext. 5400

- FREE event
- Light breakfast included
- Free parking
- On-site information displays, including pest control companies

SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER TODAY!

(Registration deadline: Friday, January 20th, 2012)



Bed bugs are on the move... are you prepared?

Be informed. Be ready.

Following an overview on bed bug biology and behaviour...

Participants can choose to attend 3 of the following 7 concurrent sessions:

1. Roles and Responsibilities

This session will explore the tenant/landlord relationship with respect to bed bugs, highlighting the legal roles and responsibilities of each in the treatment process. Tips for communicating these roles, as well as general bed bug information, will be explored using real-life examples.

2. Local resources/supports to deal with bed bugs

For some people the actions required to get rid of bed bugs can be difficult to fulfill because of the costs, labour and understanding needed to prepare a home for bed bug treatment. This session will explore the supportive resources available in the community for those who would have difficulty dealing with a bed bug infestation (e.g. people with physical disabilities, mental health or addiction issues, low incomes, etc).

3. Assessing risk in different spaces

The key to preventing bed bugs is being aware of the environment around you and how a bed bug might interact with that environment. This session will explore the factors we should consider when assessing the risk of different spaces including not only different living spaces, but also work spaces, and public spaces. Participants will be provided with tips and tricks to protect themselves from bringing bed bugs home after being in spaces which may be infested by bed bugs.

4. Inspecting for bed bugs

Regular inspection of the home, and of clothing and furniture coming in to the home can help catch a bed bug infestation before it gets too large. Bed bugs can live in cracks and crevices within a home, as well as within furniture, beds, box springs, etc. There are a variety of everyday items that can be used to inspect for bed bugs, and this session will teach practical tips for inspecting.

5. Treatment options and prices

There are a variety of treatment options to get rid of bed bugs, and a number of pest control companies to choose from. This session will provide participants with an overview of treatment options available, approximate prices, and strengths and limitations for each method. Participants will also learn tips for hiring a pest control company including things to look for and key questions to ask.

6. Unit preparation

Tenants are responsible for properly preparing their unit for treatment. The preparation process can be quite labour intensive, requiring lots of time and energy by the tenant. This session will provide participants with an overview of the steps required to properly prepare a unit for treatment. Practical demonstrations, checklists and best practices will be provided.

7. Advanced bed bugs 101

All participants of the workshop will receive a brief introduction to bed bug biology in the welcome session at the beginning of the day. For participants wishing to dig deeper, this session will take a closer look at bed bug biology including their history and resurgence, as well as reproductive and feeding habits.

For general information visit:
bedbugsinfo.ca