

# Chicago Passes Bed Bug Ordinance

## Here's What You Should Know

### **Tenant Responsibilities:**

- ✓ You must notify the landlord **in writing within 5 days** of any suspected or known infestation in your unit, clothing, furniture or personal property (including any recurring or unexplained bites, stings or sores)
- ✓ You must cooperate with the landlord in the control, treatment, and eradication of bed bugs such as:
  - Grant access at reasonable times upon reasonable notice for inspections and treatments
  - Prepare unit prior to treatment including: *cleaning, dusting, vacuuming*
  - Properly dispose of personal property that cannot be treated or cleaned before pest control services

### **Landlord Responsibilities:**

- To supply a tenant starting or renewing a lease with an informational brochure
- To inspect and treat if necessary **within 10 days** the two units on either side as well as the two units above and below of the infested unit
- To provide pest control services when bed bugs are found by a **certified pest management professional** as many times as necessary to eliminate the problem
- To send a written notice to the tenant explaining their responsibilities before the inspection
- To maintain a written record of bed bug control efforts

### **Getting Rid of Infested Property:**

- ✓ DO NOT place, discard, or dispose any bedding, clothing, or other materials infested on the public way (examples: alley, sidewalk, hallway, common areas of building)
- ✓ DO NOT place, discard or dispose any infested materials in a dumpster/garbage can **unless the infested item is enclosed in a plastic bag and is labeled.**
- ✓ No infested materials should be recycled



### **Violations/Penalties:**

- Any person found in violation of this ordinance may be fined \$300.00 - \$1,000 for each offense per day
- For enforcement call 311 – ask for the Department of Buildings or the Department of Public Health

**\* EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 23, 2013 \***

**For more info contact MTO Hotline: 773-292-4988 ~ M-F/1-5 pm**