

Bedbugs have become a familiar issue in Summit County in recent years. Bedbugs are parasitic insects that feed on blood and they are initially brought into a complex from outside. A bedbug infestation does not necessarily mean that anyone is unclean, dirty or has created a dirty or undesirable environment in their unit. Bedbugs can come from clothing, infested furniture moved into a unit, suitcases infested at another location, pets that carry them and in some cases even from birds. Once bedbugs are in a complex they reproduce quickly and spread from one unit into other nearby units. They need to be treated quickly and aggressively to avoid possible infestation of an entire building.

If you find that you have bedbugs in your unit these are the steps you need to take.

1. You must have your unit professionally treated immediately.
2. You need to immediately notify your neighbors above, below and on both sides of the problem so their units can be inspected to see if the infestation has spread.
3. You must also immediately notify Jeff at Americana so the Association can follow up to make sure that the appropriate steps have been taken.
4. If you have been notified that an adjacent unit has bedbugs you must make arrangements to immediately have your unit inspected and if bedbugs are found to follow steps 1 – 3 above.

It is the financial responsibility of the unit owner to treat the unit for bedbugs. Since it cannot be determined exactly where or how an infestation began, any unit infested with bedbugs must be treated at the unit owner's expense. If an owner neglects to have his unit professionally inspected and/or treated within 7 days of being notified, the Association will have the right to do it for him and to charge the owner for the cost of the inspection/treatment as well as any manhours required to organize or supervise the process.

By following the procedure outlined above we can prevent bedbugs from becoming a serious problem at Yacht Club. Quick action can turn a serious problem into a minor issue which will benefit us all.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Board of Directors