

Factual JK Update on Bedbugs

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On April 27, 2011, a resident on Floor 12 requested services from our exterminator, who detected bedbugs present. Upon further investigation by the exterminator, bedbugs were also discovered on Floor 11. In total, 4 units were infested and successfully treated at that time.

On May 4, 2011, the exterminator, using a trained dog, which is one of the MOST successful ways to detect bedbug infestations, was requested by management to investigate 28 additional units and common areas (laundry rooms) in an effort to reassure us that no further infestation had occurred. These investigations came back negative, which means there was NO further infestation at this time. So the infestation was limited to the 4 units, all clustered together on one side of the building. There was no indication that bedbugs had crossed the hallway.

These 4 units were treated immediately by enclosing them and heating them for a prolonged period to 130 degrees, which is the recommended treatment by the exterminator.

We are asking all unit owners to be vigilant for any infestation in their units. If you have any questions on what/how to look for a potential bedbug problem, please go to the JK Office and pick up reprints of the bedbug article, which was written for the October 2010 JK Newsletter OR look on the JK Website to review this article online. There is also information online and available from our exterminator, Orkin.

The following are precautions residents can take to limit the possibility of bedbugs:

- *Clear clutter, which makes bedbugs harder to find or treat.*
- *If you receive second-hand furniture, make sure you're not getting bedbugs along with it by inspecting it.*
- *Do not bring discarded furniture into your residence—there's a reason it was left by, or in, the dumpster.*
- *Inspect your luggage after traveling and for an extra precaution, dry your clothes on high heat.*
- *Inspect your residence regularly—especially after move-in or trips.*

What should I do if I think I have an infestation?

Notify our JK Property Manager IMMEDIATELY!!

DO NOT disturb the room further or take any items out of the room/unit.

Check luggage after traveling.

Periodically inspect your unit.

With everyone's diligence, we can prevent any further bedbug occurrence!!