

**Georgia Institute of Technology
Department of Housing**

Bed Bug Treatment Checklist for Students

Steps to be taken by students if bed bugs have been confirmed in their residence:

Bed bugs can travel in clothing, bags, backpacks, laptops, furniture; anything with small spaces to hide. **Therefore, all actions should be performed inside your room to prevent the spread of bed bugs.**

Backpacks should be treated as clothing. Personal electronics (i.e. cell phones, MP3 players, laptops) should be left on the desktop during treatment so they can be examined. Textbooks and study materials should also be left in your room (not bagged) during treatment. Check with your Hall Director if you have any questions about these instructions.

It is imperative that the following be done *after* the room has been inspected and the presence of bed bugs have been confirmed, but before room is treated:

- _____ All bagged clothing items must be washed. Bag ALL clothing items in your room. This includes everything in your closet/wardrobe, under your bed, in dresser drawers, towels, curtains, bedding, **everything**. Be sure to tightly tie the bag closed.

- _____ Bring laundry bags immediately to laundry room and empty contents into the **dryer**.

- _____ Immediately after unloading and starting laundry, dispose of plastic bags in a dumpster **outside** of the building. Run the dryer on high heat for at least 20 minutes before washing; the dryer heat on campus is above 130° degrees which is what is needed to kill them. Wash twice, in hot water, and dry on high heat. Place cleaned laundry in a **new** garbage bag; you are **NOT to unpack until given clearance to do so by an exterminator**.

- _____ If you take your items off campus to be laundered, be sure to inquire about water and hot air temperatures to ensure they are hot enough to eliminate the bugs, bed bugs can survive temperatures up to 120° F.*

- _____ Items that are delicate or have the possibility of shrinking or color fading: put into plastic bags and seal tightly, take directly to dry cleaners and inform them they need to be cleaned to get rid of bed bugs. Note: *You are responsible for all laundry and dry-cleaning costs.**

- _____ Clean up all clutter; remove all non-furniture items from under beds and discard cardboard boxes. Remember, clutter provides places for bugs to hide!

