

## PEST CONTROL INFORMATION

- Pest Control treatments are done on a regular basis.
- The Pest Control Schedule is provided to all residents. New residents will be notified of the Pest Control Schedule. The schedule should be posted on your refrigerator or bulletin board. This is the **ONLY** notification you will receive.
- Residents must notify the Office if they see an unusual amount of pest activity.
- Treatments alone cannot prevent pests. All residents must work together with the Pest Control Technicians to control the pest population.
- Roaches, mice, and many other pests live where they can find a source of food and water. This makes it very important to keep the apartments clean. Pay particular attention to:
  - Food must be stored in plastic containers with a lid. This includes bags of rice, flour, sugar, and other staples.
  - Food spills must be wiped or vacuumed up immediately.
  - Liquid spills must be wiped or mopped up immediately.
  - The dining room table must be wiped after each meal.
  - Do not allow grease and/or food spills to build up on the stove, kitchen counters and cabinets, dining table, floors, etc.
  - Clean up oven spills immediately. Clean your oven on a regular basis.
  - Keep your kitchen floor swept and mopped.
  - Vacuum carpets regularly.
  - Do not let dishes, cups, glasses, or pans sit in the sink or on counters full of water.
  - Wash dishes daily.
  - Empty trash daily. Use a trash can with a lid inside the apartment. (Leaving trash in your apartment will also attract gnats.)
  - Rinse cans and other containers (juice, milk) before putting them in the recycle basket.
  - Do not store paper or plastic bags—these make excellent hiding places for pests. (So do cardboard boxes and stacks of newspapers or magazines!)
  - Do not leave standing water in sinks or bathtub.
  - Report all faucet (water) leaks and drips to **FIXIT** immediately.
  - When you take a shower, place the liner inside the tub so that the water drains and does not go on the floor. (This also prevents damage to your floor and your neighbor's ceiling for which you could be charged!)
  - Do not bring used mattresses and other furniture into your apartment. Many pests hide inside these items and may infest your apartment. (This is especially true of furniture you find near dumpsters or on curbs for trash pickup.)

## BEDBUGS

Bedbugs have been appearing in the United States. Bedbugs are not known to pass any diseases to human beings.

Bedbugs do not care if your apartment is clean or dirty!

**REPORTING SUSPECTED BEDBUGS:** Please contact the Call Center (**FIXIT**) as soon as you suspect you may have bedbugs. Tell them you need a pest inspection and let them know if you have actually seen the pests and whether or not you have experienced bites. Prompt reporting will help in locating and eliminating these pests. **THINGS TO LOOK FOR:** You may notice bites on your skin, but not all bites are bedbugs and not all people show a reaction to a bedbug bite. You may notice some staining on your bed sheets and may actually see the pest. (There is a lot of information on the Internet about these pests.) **ELIMINATING BEDBUGS:** We need your help. Bedbugs cannot be eliminated without your help and cooperation. Written instructions will be provided. You must follow them carefully.