

Recordkeeping Requirements for Licensed Pest Management Firms and Certified Commercial Pesticide Applicators in Michigan

The recordkeeping requirements for licensed pest management businesses and certified commercial pesticide applicators are outlined in State of Michigan regulations and are available in [Appendix H](#) of this manual.

Isolating the Bed

(To help reduce bites immediately)

A couple of simple steps can dramatically improve the quality of life for a resident in an infested apartment. These steps can help reduce bites from bed bugs while a treatment plan is initiated or is ongoing:

1. A thorough vacuuming of the apartment is recommended to reduce the number of bed bugs present, especially in the sleeping areas and around and under the bed.
2. Headboards and bed frames should be carefully inspected and cleaned of any signs of bed bugs or eggs. They are easily cleaned and scrubbed with standard household cleaning agents.
3. Encase the mattress and box spring to prevent bed bugs from reaching residents.
4. The bed should be moved away from the wall, bed skirts should be removed and bedding should be prevented from touching the floor to prevent bed bugs from climbing onto the bed.
5. Once it is thought that there are no bed bugs on the headboard, frame, and mattress, petroleum jelly or double-sided tape on the legs of the bed can prevent bed bugs from crawling up from the floor. Residents can also place a plastic dish with a thin layer of cooking oil below the legs of the bed to trap bed bugs as they try to climb to the bed. These techniques may be more difficult with platform-style beds.

