

WHAT IS THE PEST REMEDICATION PROGRAM?

The Pest Remediation Program (PRP) is a joint effort between Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency (LFCAA) and United Way of Fairfield County to help control bed bug issues in Fairfield County.

It is a mobile unit that will visit eligible customers' homes to eliminate a bed bug infestation.

Lethal heat temperatures of over 135 degrees Fahrenheit will be used to eliminate the bed bugs. Preparing a heating plan with your consultant to consider the layout of the area and its contents will allow for proper placement of equipment and ensure lethal temperatures are reached in all areas.

Time away from the home will be mandatory for humans and pets. The time away will depend on the treatment plan. Plan for at least 8 hours.

Customers will be required to assist with preparing the heating plan and completing pre- and post-plan activities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Eligibility is income-based.
2. All applicants will be asked to complete a **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** application to determine funding source.
3. Eligible applicants will be placed on a waiting list in severity order.

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BED BUG MANAGEMENT



Income Guidelines

Total Gross Household Income for last 12 months or 90 days from HEAP application must be equal or less than 175% of federal poverty guidelines.

# in Home	Yearly Income	3-month Income
1	\$20,790.00	\$5,197.50
2	\$28,035.00	\$7,008.75
3	\$35,280.00	\$8,820.00
4	\$42,525.00	\$10,631.25
5	\$49,770.00	\$12,442.50
6	\$57,015.00	\$14,253.75
7	\$64,277.50	\$16,069.38
8	\$71,557.50	\$17,889.38

Households with more than 8 members should add \$7,280 to yearly income or \$1,820 to 3-month income.

LFCAA Mission:

“The purpose of the agency shall be to establish a better focusing of all available federal, state, local and private resources upon this goal: to enable low-income families and individuals of all ages to obtain the skill, the knowledge, and the motivation to secure the opportunities needed for them to become fully self-sufficient.”

Home Preparation

Items to Remove*:

- Pets – including fish
- House plants
- Fresh produce – fruits/vegetables
- Food that melts – chocolate/candy
- Wine bottles with corks
- Prescriptions & over the counter medication
- Make-up/cosmetics
- VCR tapes
- Wax-based items – candles, lipstick
- Anything pressurized – spray cans, oxygen, fire extinguishers
- Flammables – lighters, alcohol, lamp fuel, solvents
- Wooden and stringed musical instruments
- Heirlooms and irreplaceable items should be inspected to determine if heat treatment is needed

- Clothing should be loosely packed into an open-weave laundry basket or hung with enough space between them to allow the hot air to circulate.

- Loose papers and small items should be secured to prevent damage.

- Electronics can remain because they conduct heat naturally, but all should be disconnected from their outlets.

***A more extensive home preparation checklist is provided as part of the pre-treatment process.**

Prevention Pointers

- Remove or dispose of trash and other non-essential items
- Regularly vacuum floors, upholstered furniture and baseboards.
- Dry clothing, bedding and other items on hottest level.
- Do not bring in secondhand clothing, furniture, appliances or electronics unless they have been thoroughly inspected.
- When traveling look for evidence of bed bugs before unpacking.
- Repair cracks in the walls; caulk windows and doors.
- Put mattress and pillows in bed bug covers.



United Way Mission:

“Improving lives through the caring power of our community.”