

Pest Control Protocols

If your residence hall room seems to have a problem with insects or other pests, this should be reported immediately to Facilities Management through the Service Request form and to the Student Life Team Member for your hall.

If your room is determined to have an issue with bedbugs, there are very specific protocols created by Facilities Management designed to prevent the spread and continued infestation. Once these protocols are put into place, it is extremely important that you and your roommate comply with the provided directions, as listed below:

Bedbug Protocols

1. It is imperative that all occupants of the room continue living in their assigned room throughout the process. Moving to other rooms may spread the infestation further.
2. Each resident will be provided garbage bags of two different colors. The black bags should be used for all cloth items in the room: clothing, bed linens, blankets, etc. Place ALL cloth items in these bags.
3. Launder all items in the black bags and heat-treat them in a dryer, drying for a minimum of 30 minutes. Once finished, the clean dry cloth items should be placed in the **CLEAR** bags, sealed, then returned to your room and kept sealed.
4. **These bags should not be re-opened until Facilities Management notifies you with approval to do so. They will be treating your room during this time, which is usually within 12 hours.**
5. All surfaces of your personal belongings and the College furniture in your room should be rubbed down with rubbing alcohol. Rags and alcohol will be provided to you for this purpose.
6. After Facilities Management notifies you to do so, remove the cloth items from the clear bags and you must store them in clear plastic containers/totes with airtight lids (NOT drawers, closets, etc.). You may remove items as necessary, but after use, they should be promptly laundered, heat-dried, and placed in the plastic containers/totes.
7. Facilities Management will continue monitoring your room for additional pests. During this time, continue to follow Step 5 (above) and regularly wipe down all surfaces with alcohol 1-2 times per day.
8. After Facilities Management has determined that the infestation is clear, you may then place your clothing items in drawers and closets. This process usually takes about 2-3 weeks, so long as residents follow the instructions carefully.