Student Procedures for Suspected Bedbug Infestation

1) If you suspect you may have bed bug bites see a nurse at the Health Center to have suspected bites evaluated.

2) Inspect the bed linens for blood spots, and the bed frame and mattresses for the presence of bedbugs. After feeding, bedbugs secrete a line of tiny droplets of blood as they crawl away to hide for the day.

3) If bites and blood spots on linens are verified, submit a Bedbug Verification Form to your Commons Office.

4) If nothing is found, and you still suspect there may be a problem, you may obtain an insect monitor from your Commons Office. Place insect monitor partially under the leg of the bed that is closest to the wall or corner of the room, usually at the headboard. Bedbugs often hide in floorboards and baseboards, and access the bed by climbing up the legs.

5) Check the monitors daily for the presence of bugs. Should an insect become trapped on the monitor, deliver the monitor to your Commons Office for proper identification of the insect.

6) If bugs are found, or if bites persist without bugs being detected, an inspection and/or treatment will be scheduled by Waltham Services Inc. Students should not be transporting items (bedding, clothing, furniture, luggage) in-between dorm rooms.

Preparation and Treatment:

1) Bed linens need to be removed and laundered. Your Commons Office will provide plastic bags for bagging linens, and will arrange for them to be laundered.

2) All dresser drawers need to be emptied and articles pulled out from under the bed. Again, your Commons Office will provide bags and laundry pick-up for clothing, which should be kept separate from linens.

3) Belongings should be bagged or boxed and placed up off of the floor (NOT on the bed).

4) Remove all food from room, or store in airtight containers.

5) The room will need to be thoroughly vacuumed. Your Commons Office will supply the vacuum & bags. When finished, remove the vacuum bag, seal it in the plastic bag, and dispose in trash. Return the vacuum to your Commons Office.
6) Students will be responsible for unplugging all electronics.

7) Commons staff will inspect the room for proper preparation before the exterminator arrives. **If the room is not properly prepared, no treatment will occur, as treatment will be ineffective.**

8) The pest management professional will remove switch plates to dust wall voids, treat bed frames, drawers, baseboards and suitcases with a residual mixed with a growth regulator. Mattresses will be inspected and treated, if necessary, with a non-residual. Living quarters will also be treated.

9) Students may return to their rooms after 4:00 p.m. when chemical has thoroughly dried.