

## PEST CONTROL POLICY

### PART I

#### Control and Elimination of Roaches

Dayton Housing Authority is committed to providing housing for families and individuals that is decent, Safe, and affordable.

As part of that commitment, Dayton Housing Authority will provide pest control services through a licensed, pest control contractor. Residents are required to cooperate with Dayton Housing Authority's pest control program. Any resident requesting exemption due to a medical condition or reasonable accommodation must provide documentation from a qualified health care provider that the exemption is necessary due to a disability or health related issue.

Dayton Housing Authority will schedule each year a bait treatment program for the eradication and prevention of roach infestations. This bait program is a residual treatment and has been found to be very effective in eliminating roach infestations in multifamily housing. After the treatment has been completed, the resident should not use any type of spray as this will reduce the effectiveness of the bait program.

If roach infestation continues to be a problem after the annual treatment, the resident may request a monthly "call back" treatment until the roaches are eliminated. Residents who request a call back must cooperate by removing personal belongings from closets, drawers, and kitchen cabinets. Residents may also be scheduled for monthly call back treatments if the apartment is found to be infested during inspections or maintenance calls.

To keep the unit free from roach infestation, residents must follow the instructions listed below:

- Sweep up dead roaches and dispose of by flushing down the toilet. Please do not place dead roaches in garbage cans as roach eggs sacs can continue to hatch.
- Clean roach feces and residue from cabinet hinges and door hardware
- Clean regularly behind refrigerators and ranges
- Keep dishes clean and food items covered
- Keep countertops and floors free of food scraps and crumbs
- Keep apartment as free of clutter as possible, boxes and stacks of paper can harbor roaches
- Clean behind pictures and wall hangings regularly

Please contact the Dayton Housing Authority office with any questions or concerns regarding our pest control program.

Any request for reasonable accommodation to this policy must be made to the Dayton Housing Authority main office.

## PART II

### Control and Elimination of Bedbugs

After a long absence, bedbug infestations are a growing problem in the United States today. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), bedbug populations have increased dramatically. Bedbugs are considered a pest of significant public health importance by the EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Although the insects are not known to transmit diseases, bites may itch and cause an allergic reaction in some people, which may lead to secondary infections. The presence of bedbugs may also contribute to stress or anxiety.

Dayton Housing Authority will provide educational material to residents on the prevention, identification and control of bedbug infestations. A copy of that material is attached and made a part of this policy.

A bedbug infestation in any public housing unit must be reported to Dayton Housing Authority immediately. Following a report of bedbugs, Dayton Housing Authority or a licensed pest control contractor employed by Dayton Housing Authority will schedule an inspection within three business days, if possible.

The resident will be required to cooperate with Dayton Housing Authority's treatment plan to eliminate the bedbug infestation: The following steps must be followed by the resident.

- Dayton Housing Authority will provide the resident with a Bedbug Extermination Checklist (a copy is attached and made a part of this policy) that will give instructions on how to prepare for the treatment. The resident will be asked to certify that the checklist items have been completed.
- On the day of the treatment, the resident must remove all bedding from the bed and all curtains be removed from the windows. They must be washed and dried (in a washer and dryer). If this is not done, the unit may become infested again.
- If you do not have a washer and dryer in the apartment, please take your belongings to a Laundromat. Place them in a sealed plastic bag to transport them to the Laundromat. If they are not in sealed plastic bags your automobile can also become infested.
- You will need to be present when Dayton Housing Authority personnel and the pest control contractor arrive at the unit. After the treatment has started, the resident and his/her family will need to leave the apartment during the treatment process. The resident will generally be able to return home within three hours.
- Once the treatment is completed, continue to monitor the apartment, particularly the bed and upholstered furniture for signs of bedbugs.
- DO NOT use any other types of insecticides (Raid, Combat, etc.) after the treatment has been completed.

Dayton Housing Authority will provide the initial treatment and a follow up treatment within two weeks of the initial treatment at no cost to the resident. DHA will also provide the resident with mattress covers that are designed for this purpose to help rid the unit of bed bugs. If a thermal type treatment is necessary, the resident will be provided with a checklist specifically for this type of treatment.

If additional treatments are needed; the resident must have followed the above requirements and must be prepared for the follow up treatment. If the resident has not completed the steps above regarding washing and drying of bedding, curtains and clothing that is not in closets or drawers and has not prepared the apartment as instructed in the Bedbug Extermination Checklist, the resident will be charged for additional treatments.

Residents should be aware that these treatments can range in cost from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 and understand that complying with this policy is crucial in eliminating bed bugs in the unit.

Dayton Housing Authority will schedule a follow up inspection within thirty days of the second treatment.

Failure to comply with this policy and the above requirements could result in termination of your lease.

Any request for reasonable accommodation to this policy must be made to Dayton Housing Authority's main office.