

Local Resources and Assistance

- [Sedgwick County Health Department](#): Provides informational resources and facts regarding bed bugs and prevention strategies.
- [K-State Extension Office \(Sedgwick County\)](#): Offers education, prevention tips, and information on the local Bed Bug Task Force.
- [United Way 2-1-1](#): Call 2-1-1 to find local resources, community agencies, and possible assistance for pest control needs.
- [Neighborhood Inspections \(MABCD\)](#): Residents can call 316-660-9220 to report severe infestations related to housing code violations.
- [Hoarding Coalition of Sedgwick County](#): Provides specialized intervention for infestations related to hoarding behavior.
- [Community Partners](#): Agencies involved in the local Bed Bug Task Force include Catholic Charities, Union Rescue Mission, and local school districts.



Prevention and Treatment Advice

- **Professional Extermination:** Hiring a professional is the most effective method, as infestations often require specialized, multi-stage treatments.
- **Heat Treatment:** Wash bedding and clothes in hot water and dry on the highest setting for at least 30 minutes.
- **Mattress Covers:** Use specialized mattress and box spring covers to trap bugs and prevent new infestations.
- **Avoid Used Furniture:** Never bring discarded mattresses or upholstered furniture into your home.
- **Inspection:** Inspect luggage and clothing after travel.

Reporting

If you suspect an infestation in a public or rental space, contact the Sedgwick County Health Department or your local housing authority. For public health disease reporting, call 316-660-5555.