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CITY OF LAKEWOOD BEDBUG POLICY

The City of Lakewood promotes current industry standards and best practices to eliminate bed bugs including integrated pest management techniques which utilize both chemical and heat treatments. The City's website serves as a central location for all bed bug information including best practices, identification, contact information for assistance and landlord/tenant letter templates.

In 2017, landlord and tenant responsibilities for preventing and eliminating bed bugs were clarified in Section 1306.34 of the City of Lakewood's Property Maintenance Code. Property owners must eliminate infestations and promptly notify contiguous units about the presence of bed bugs. Tenants are responsible for notifying their landlord if they suspect or know of an infestation and provide reasonable access to their unit.

The City has engaged the services of Lakewood Alive to act as the City's agent to manage bed bug complaints, identify infestations, and provide education about best practices for the prevention and elimination of bed bug infestations, and referral of non-compliant owners or tenants to the City's Division of Housing and Building for citation and prosecution when necessary.

The Division of Housing and Building will issue correction notices and prosecute property owners who fail to eliminate infestations. Property owners are encouraged to document compliance with all applicable codes and laws.