


## Michigan Bed Bug Law

A landlord of any real property within the State of Michigan shall notify prospective tenants about any bed bug infestations in the past year. If the rental unit is part of a building with multiple family dwellings, a landlord shall notify prospective tenants about any bed bug infestations within the entire building in the past year.

A landlord has 10 days from the notification of a potential bed bug infestation to check the dwelling for bed bugs or contact an inspector to check for bed bugs. If there is an infestation, the landlord has 10 additional days to contact and retain a MDCH qualified exterminator to begin eradication of the dwelling and if necessary, of the entire building if the dwelling is within a multiple unit building.

The cost of extermination shall be charged to the landlord unless the tenant fails to maintain the unit causing repeated visits by the exterminator or unless the tenant blocks access to the apartment. Tenants in neighboring units may also be responsible for eradication expenses if they fail to allow the landlord, inspector, or exterminator to inspect and, if necessary, treat their unit for bed bugs.

If a landlord fails or is unable to eradicate the bed bugs within the time allotted above, the local health department will eradicate the bugs, charging a landlord twice the cost of a state qualified exterminator. If a landlord is unable to complete the eradication due to a tenant denying access to the unit, the tenant will be responsible for paying the local health department fees for eradication.



If bed bugs are reported in a hotel, motel or other place of lodging, guests must be relocated to another room immediately at no additional expense to them. The room must be inspected by the hotel manager or state qualified inspector immediately and if bed bugs are found on inspection, the room cannot be rented again until an exterminator has eradicated the bed bugs. All subsequent rooms in the hotel, motel or other place of lodging must be checked for bed bugs within 5 days of the initial finding of the bed bugs and any other rooms found to have bed bugs must be treated and the bed bugs eradicated before the room can be rented for any amount of time. A failure to abide by this rule will result in fines and penalties to the hotel, motel, or place of lodging.

If bed bugs are reported in a dormitory, students living in the bed bug infested room must be moved to a new room until eradication of the bed bugs has taken place at no additional expense to the students. Rooms adjacent to the infested room must be checked for bed bugs. An exterminator must be contacted within 5 days to begin eradication of bed bugs.

## Bedding Laws

The selling of used, renovated, or second hand bedding and / or mattresses is prohibited unless it is sold by a certified sanitization person licensed by the state. The state shall issue licenses to people who comply with the authorized sanitization processes. All used,

renovated, or second hand bedding and mattresses sold within the state shall bear a proper sanitization tag issued by a person properly licensed by the state. Persons selling used, renovated, or second hand bedding and / or mattresses without proper certification of sanitization or without proper tags are subject to a fine of \$100 for each piece of used, renovated, or second hand bedding and / or mattress sold. Any item purchase new from a store shall be considered used, renovated, or second hand 30 days after purchase.

#### Authorized sanitization processes

Dry heat process – All used, renovated, or second hand bedding and mattresses shall be heated to 230 degrees Fahrenheit for 2 hours in an insulated chamber to ensure that the temperature is constant at 230 degrees Fahrenheit. All items need to be placed on racks with a minimum distance of six inches between each of the items and six inches between the items, the walls, ceiling and floor. Loose materials must be placed on slats or tiers to ensure even heat distribution throughout the material.

Washing process – bedding is boiled for 2 hours and washed with an approved soap or detergent. After drying, the bedding shall be clean to touch, sight and smell.