

# BED BUG TREATMENT METHODS

## METHOD

## PROS

## CONS

### Chemical

- Most cost effective treatment
- Residual effectiveness

- Process can be quite lengthy
- Bed bugs are increasingly resistant to pesticides.
- Resistance varies by population
- Too much clutter will hamper effectiveness
- Some belongings may need to be discarded

### Steam

- Chemical free
- Kills bed bugs and eggs on direct contact

- Does not penetrate materials
- Moisture left behind can be a problem & cause damage
- No residual effect
- Too much clutter will hamper effectiveness
- Some belongings may need to be discarded

### Freezing (Cryonite)

- Chemical free
- Kills bed bugs and eggs on direct contact

- Does not penetrate materials
- No residual effect
- Too much clutter is a big issue with effectiveness
- Some belongings may need to be discarded

### Extreme Heat (130°F)

- Chemical free
- Kills all bed bug life cycles
- Can penetrate materials
- Can provide complete control within 24 hours
- Belongings do not have to be discarded

- Treatments can fail if preparation is not done correctly
- Most expensive of treatment options