



LEAVE THE MATTRESS AND COUCH IN THE DUMPSTER OR CURB!

BEG BUGS ARE PRESENT IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY,
WITH DOZENS OF REPORTED CASES. YOU DON'T
WANT BED BUGS!

Residents are reminded that curb-side mattresses and furniture at the dumpster should never be brought into the unit. In addition, residents should use extreme caution when accepting a mattress from a friend or anytime purchasing a used mattress, box spring, pillow, or bedding.

Why? **Bed Bugs**—those little pests that feed on blood, can cause significant skin irritation and reproduce with extreme quickness, making for a highly annoying and difficult-to-eliminate pest.

If you do obtain a used mattress (again, never pick up a mattress off the curb!), you should be inspecting it carefully along all seams for any signs of dark spot stains or pests. You are strongly encouraged to also purchase a zip-able allergen-barrier mattress cover (cost less than \$25), which will fully contain any pests or dust mites located on the mattress as well as help prevent future infestation.