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The Pest Management Industry's Proactive Response to the Bed Bug Challenge

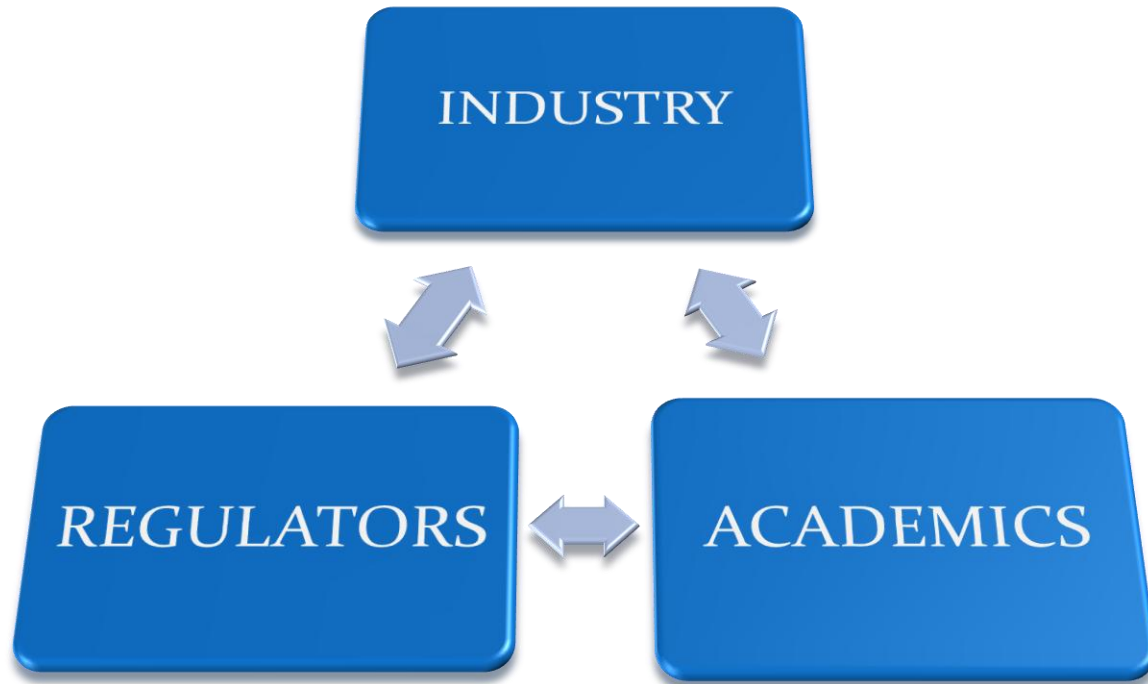


Five Years of Battling Bed Bugs

- Meetings/Training/Webinars
- Technical materials
- Research
- Data collection
- Advocacy



Blue Ribbon Bed Bug Task Force



Task Force Work Groups

Public Policy

- Gene Harrington

Research and Efficacy

- Jim Fredericks

Public Outreach

- Missy Henriksen and
Janay Rickwalder

Best Management Practices

- Andy Architect and Jim Fredericks



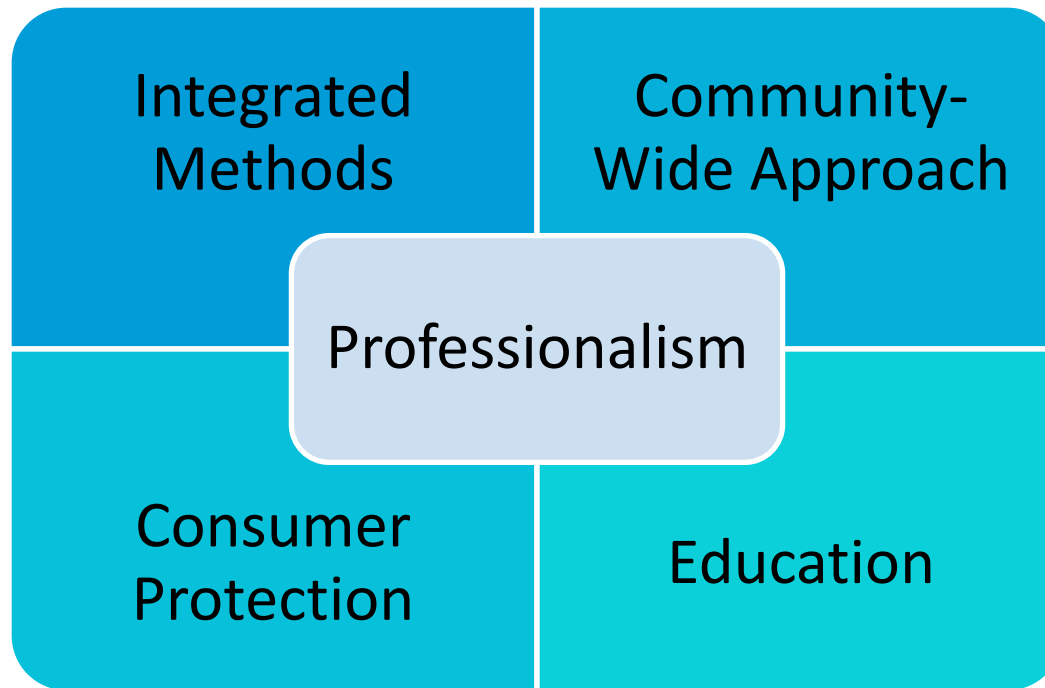
Bed Bug Best Management Practices

The dialogue began less than 90 days ago

Multiple webinars, conference calls, discussions and stakeholder meetings

Results! NPMA Bed Bug Best Management Practices adopted in January

Bed Bug Best Management Practices: Guiding Principles



BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR BED BUGS

A SUMMARY FOR CONSUMERS

The comprehensive authority on **bed bug detection and control**

Finally. Complete information on what to look for in **bed bug service** agreements.

Clarity on what to do with furniture exposed to bed bugs.

Guidance on the effective use of canines for **bed bug inspection**.

Complete information on bed bug control methods.



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BMP BED BUGS
best management practices

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Consumer Protection

Before beginning service:

- Identify active infestation
- Communicate fees
- Communicate details of service
- Communicate realistic expectations

Provide bed bug specific information with agreements

Canine detection teams require third party certification

Integrated Methods

Describes best practices for multiple methods of control

- Non-chemical
 - Steam
 - Vacuum
 - Heat
 - Freeze
- Traditional options
- Monitoring devices
 - Active monitors
 - Passive monitors

Community Wide Approach

Discourage disposal of mattresses and furniture

Recommendations for inspection and treatment of surrounding areas and adjacent rooms

Recommendations for training and educating hotel and facility staff about bed bug identification

Education

Training requirements for all employees

Additional requirements for technicians or salespeople involved in bed bug work

Recommendations for educating clients

Client preparation communication

Professionalism

Encourages professionalism through

- Business practice recommendations
- Service agreement guidelines
- Recordkeeping practices
- Training requirements
- Inspection practices
- Integrated Pest Management approaches

Consumer Outreach Brochure

Provides a summary
overview of the BMPs

Guidance for selecting a
professional

Provides a summary and full
English and Spanish
versions

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