## Bug Man Pest and Pool Bed Bug Fact Sheet www.TheGreenBugMan.com

- Bed bugs can lay 1-5 eggs in a day and can lay up to 500 eggs in a lifetime.
- > Bed bugs can live more than a year without eating.
- > Bed bugs draw blood for about 5 minutes before retreating to digest.
- > Bed bugs grow up to 1/4 inch.
- Bed bugs can withstand a wide range of temperatures from nearly freezing to almost 113 degrees Fahrenheit.
- > A bed bug is brown before it feeds and afterwards turns reddish-brown.
- ➤ Bed bugs can ingest seven times their own weight in blood, which would be the equivalent of an average-sized male drinking 120 gallons of liquid.
- Bed bug hatchlings are so small they can pass through a stitch-hole in a mattress.
- > It doesn't matter if a room is dirty or clean. Bed bugs only care about a dark hole to hide in and access to humans.
- Bed bugs are now found in all 50 states.
- > Because bed bug bites are painless, people often don't even notice there's a problem until the infestation is large.
- Bed bugs leave a cluster line of itchy bites.
- > There has been a 500% increase in bed bug infestations reported since 1999.
- ➤ To prevent bed bugs from entering your home, experts advise vacuuming suitcases and washing clothes in hot water after returning from a vacation where you've seen signs of the pests.
- In addition to being found in beds, bed bugs can also be found in carpets, under wallpaper, behind baseboards, and in small cracks and crevices throughout a room.