



Housing Services Notice

Date: December 16, 2019

HSN#: 2019-13

This applicable legislation/policy is to be implemented effective this date by the housing provider(s) under the following programs:

Please note if your program is not checked this change is not applicable to your project.

- Federal Section 95 Non-Profit Housing Program
- Federal Section 26/27 Housing Program
- Federal Urban Native Non-Profit Housing Program
- Private Non-Profit Housing Program (Provincial Reformed)
- Municipal Non-Profit Housing Program (Pre-1986)
- Local Housing Corporation
- Rent Supplement Programs
- Affordable Housing Program (AHP)/Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH)/Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF)
- Housing Access (Centralized Waiting List Services)

Subject: Bed Bug Detection Kits

Reference: None

Background:

Bedbug infestations have become an increasingly prevalent issue for housing providers. Accurate detection of bedbugs in a housing project is the first step in the process of dealing with an infestation. The District of Nipissing Social Services Board (DNSSAB) is committed to assisting housing providers wherever possible to deal with the problem.

On October 30, 2019 the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit advised that they had approved a sponsorship to the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board towards:

- bed bug detection kits,
- bed bug detection kit replacement bait, and
- the printing of bed bug prevention information material.

The DNSSAB has purchased these items which will be distributed to social housing providers across the district. You will be receiving a shipment of these materials for use in your housing project(s) in the near future. The kits can be issued to your tenants to help assess their housing units for possible bed bug infestations.

Action:

Once you have received your shipment of bed bug detection materials, feel free to distribute them to your tenants, for use in their units, at your discretion.

We do ask that tenants and staff members receive copies of the printed information material along with any detection kits or replacement baits that are distributed.

These kits can also be used in the common rooms and service areas of your building(s) if necessary.

These kits are designed for bedbug detection, not for treatment of an infestation. If bedbugs are detected, the housing provider should contact a pest control company to determine the best course of action to treat the infestation.

There are several helpful how-to videos and supplementary bed bug resources on the manufacturer's website located at <http://sencionline.com/>.

Please note that the bait packets have an expiration date.

Housing providers will have no further reporting requirements associated with the bed bug detection items being distributed.

Contact:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other Housing Services Notice, please contact the Housing Services Administrator assigned to your portfolio:

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