

11/13/13 - Research Results/Bed Bug Treatment

Has anyone used the Heat Treatment method for exterminating bed bugs? If so, what was the cost?

Through Bug Master it was \$600.00 with a 90 day warranty (Rogers)

Very expensive, but does the trick. Anywhere from \$1200 to \$1550. 60 Day Warranty Used Dog (Lab) for sniff test after 30 days (Georgetown)

An apartment complex used a local pest control that has the heat treatment and it was a 3 bdr. unit for \$1,000. The company does guarantee the results and will return for no charge if it doesn't work - which they claim have never had a follow up treatment! Also, the personal belongings do not have to be removed - the heat penetrates anything in the unit. (Nacogdoches)

Terminix uses both the steam & freeze dry methods; both starting at \$400 up depending on how wide spread in the unit they are. We had a case about 4 years ago, used steam & cost \$350. No bugs have returned. (Schertz)

We know of many PHAs that have bought units from Pest Heat <http://www.pestheat.com/> and are very satisfied. They also have saved over 50% compared to using an outside contractor. Plus, have had rental income from leasing the unit out to other local PHA's. (The Inspection Group)

Yes, it cost us about \$1500 for 1 duplex. We used Pest Management Inc. (Poteet)

No, we did insecticide treatment. \$800 for a 3 bedroom unit (Bartlett)

I had to have a firm out of Dallas in Paris last week to heat treat 3 units. The cost is extremely high \$750.00 per unit. I have ordered all the equipment and training and we will be able to heat treat ourselves. After the first of the year we can make this service more economical by offering the service to other HA's within a 75 mile radius of Paris.

have only had one case and used Orkin (Wortham)

We have had several treatments. Treatments are roughly \$1.50 a square foot. We use Pest Management for the heat treatments. They work better and eliminate the issue the first time in most cases verses spraying. (Huntsville)

In our apartments, we have never had a problem with bed bugs (knock on wood) but my husband has a pest control company and one of our children brought them to our home from camp last summer and we did heat treatments in our home. Cost will depend greatly on the type of heat treatment they use, the type of equipment they use and should be semi-based on square footage. (Llano)

Bed bugs have reared their little heads at my school. We were told a quart of the pesticide was over \$1200. When a Kid comes to school with bugs, their clothes and belongings are put in the dryer for 30 minutes. Supposedly this will kill the bugs and has in these cases at school. I know this isn't what you are Asking about but if that is effective then why would literature from the health dept. suggest to wrap a mattress and store it for a year to kill them? Seems like a summer of Texas heat would kill them! (Bryson)

I used the heat method in a two bedroom unit and the cost was \$1,100.00. Seems to have worked so far. The contractor advised that she put on a bed-bug mattress cover to prevent them from coming back ever. Hope this works. (Pittsburg)

Yes. The cost was \$900 for the unit which is about 800 sq ft. (Round Rock)