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## **BUGGING OUT?**

IS IT HERE ALREADY?! Yes, Hippie Christmas, dumpster diving, whatever you want to call it, it's well under way as Madison enters the magical weeks during which thousands of renters exchange apartments and furnishings.

More than ever before, the **Tenant Resource Center** has a very important reminder for people looking to snag some cheap furnishings while on the move:

- inspect all items closely for signs of pests
- no matter what they look like, leave upholstered items on the curb!

No matter how new and appealing a piece of furniture might look just sitting there waiting for a new home, **remember that cockroaches and those dreaded and persistent BED BUGS love to stow away in the dark, tight spaces of upholstered furniture and cardboard boxes.**

If you are moving and disposing of any items such as mattresses or pillows that you believe might be infested, consider spray painting the item with the words "BED BUGS" to deter others from picking up the item, and spreading the infestation further.

Online bed bug resources:

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/bedbugs/>

<http://www.entomology.cornell.edu/Extension/DiagnosticLab/IDLFS/BedBugs/BedBugs.html>

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