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## HOUSING MANAGEMENT BUREAU MEMORANDUM # 2010-B-07

**To:** All Housing Companies  
Owners, Managing Agents, and Site Managers

**From:** Robert Damico, Director  
Housing Management Bureau

**Date:** October 25, 2010

**Subject:** Disclosure of Bed Bug Infestation History

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New York City Administrative Code § 27-2018.1, which the Governor signed into law on August 31, 2010, mandates that new residential tenants in New York City be given a one-year bed bug infestation history.

Pursuant to this law, this agency has promulgated the attached tenant notice, "Disclosure of Bedbug Infestation History". All State supervised rental and mutual housing companies in *New York City* are required to provide new residential tenants with a completed copy of this notice, which is also available on this agency's website at <http://www.nysdhcr.gov/forms/rent/dbbn.pdf>.

Applicable to *all* State supervised rental and mutual housing companies, it is the responsibility of management to develop and implement procedures to prevent bed bug infestations and to take measures to eradicate infestations should they occur.

Bed bugs are a growing problem in urban areas and require a comprehensive approach to prevention and extermination. The following resources are offered for reference:

- **The New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene** has published a bed bug guide ([www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/vector/bed-bug-guide.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/vector/bed-bug-guide.pdf)) called "Preventing and Getting Rid of Bed Bugs Safely". It is an easy-to-follow guide to spread awareness about bed bugs and educate residents and landlords.
- **HPD's Public Outreach and Education Division (POE)** offers Bedbug Infestation Identification & Management on-line and in-person courses for owners, tenants and managers: <https://partner.hpdnyc.org/whalecom91b91cefd0e02442d748c87a2d067a/whalecom0/poeclases>.

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- **U.S. EPA Bed Bug Web Page:** Housing companies are encouraged to review the resource entitled “Controlling Bed Bugs”, which provides information on chemical and integrated pest management techniques for managing bed bugs, current research efforts, links to educational materials developed by reputable sources, and other information that will be helpful for the public suffering from bed bugs and professionals on the front lines of this battle. The EPA bed bug page can be visited at ([www.epa.gov/pesticides/bedbugs/](http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/bedbugs/)).



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Robert Damico

Encls: Notice to Tenant “Disclosure of Bedbug Infestation History”

cc: Housing Company Owner and Managing Agent without Enclosures

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**NOTICE TO TENANT  
DISCLOSURE OF BEDBUG INFESTATION HISTORY**

Pursuant to the NYC Housing Maintenance Code, an owner/managing agent of residential rental property shall furnish to each tenant signing a vacancy lease a notice that sets forth the property's bedbug infestation history.

Name of tenant(s):

Subject Premises:

Apt. #:

Date of vacancy lease:

**BEDBUG INFESTATION HISTORY**  
(Only boxes checked apply)

- There is no history of any bedbug infestation within the past year in the building or in any apartment.
- During the past year the building had a bedbug infestation history that has been the subject of eradication measures. The location of the infestation was on the \_\_\_\_\_ floor(s).
- During the past year the building had a bedbug infestation history on the \_\_\_\_\_ floor(s) and it has not been the subject of eradication measures.
- During the past year the apartment had a bedbug infestation history and eradication measures were employed.
- During the past year the apartment had a bedbug infestation history and eradication measures were not employed.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Tenant(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_