How to Identify a Bed Bug

1- Is the bug yellowish white or reddish brown in color? Yes  No
2- Is the bug flattened with obvious folds on its body? Yes  No
3- Is the bug no bigger than a pencil eraser? Yes  No
4- Is the bug round or oval in shape? Yes  No
5- Is the bug wingless? Yes  No
6- Does the bug have 6 legs and short thick antennae? Yes  No
7- Does the bug have well defined, protruding eyes? Yes  No
8- Does the bug have a leathery skin with small fine hairs? Yes  No
9- Does the bug have a round end with no tail-like appendages? Yes  No
10- Was the bug found in the sleeping or sitting area? Yes  No

If you answered “Yes” for any of the questions 1– 10 please refer to the detail descriptions and pictures below.

**Adults**
- Oval flattened body
- About 1/5th inch long
- Size of an apple seed
- Shiny rusty red color
- Small dark protruding eyes
- Wingless
- 6 legs, not longer than body
- 2 antenna, not longer than legs
- Accordion-like folds on body
- Usually a dark area on its back
- Swollen and larger after eating

**Juvenile**
- Oval flattened body
- About 1/25th - 1/5th inch long
- Size of a poppy seed
- Translucent tan color
- Small dark protruding eyes
- Wingless
- 6 legs, not longer than body
- 2 antenna, not longer than legs
- Accordion-like folds on body
- Usually a dark area on its back
- Swollen and larger after eating
- 5 molt stages

**Eggs**
- Elongated capsule shaped
- About 1/25 inch long
- Size of a grain of sugar
- Seen with magnifying glass
- Yellowish-white in color
- Adhered to surfaces
- Hatches in about 2 weeks
- After hatching, the egg shells frequently remain on the surfaces

For more information on bed bugs and other control methods please visit [http://nyc.gov/health](http://nyc.gov/health) or contact 311.