



2015 Cuyahoga County Bed Bug Conference

Thursday, November 5, 2015
9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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Conference Update

The Cuyahoga County Bed Bug Task Force (CCBBTF) would like to invite everyone to the **2015 Cuyahoga County Bed Bug Educational Conference** being held on Thursday, November 5th. The 2015 conference will be the fifth fall conference hosted by the Task Force and will be held at the **Grace Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, 7393 Pearl Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130.** Lunch will be included with the \$15.00 registration fee. Over 400 people attended the last conference and we are hopeful for another large turn out this year. Speakers will present on the following topics:

- Bed Bug Basics – How to Identify, Prevent & Control Them
- Bed Bug Management Strategies that Work
- What NOT to Do if You Have Bed Bugs
- Bed Bug Protocols and Procedures for the following:
 - Multi Family Dwellings, Nursing Homes/Assisted Living/Medicals Facilities, Social Services,
 - The Workplace: Office and School Buildings
- Who is Responsible for Treatment & Protecting Yourself – Bed Bug Liability (Landlord & Tenants)

Please feel free to contact the CCBBTF with any questions you may have. To register, please visit the CCBBTF web site at www.cuyahogabedbugs.org.

General Task Force Information

With the increase in bed bug activity in Northeast Ohio, local health officials and pest control operators have had to respond to an increase in bed bug related complaints. Along with residential settings, anyone who owns, manages or works in places where people gather should be aware of basic bed bug prevention and response strategies. Bed bugs can be found in offices, retail stores, hospitals, libraries, dormitories, nursing homes, theaters, schools, and many other locations frequented by the public.

To help deal with the growing local concern with bed bugs, a number of interested parties representing local health departments, service agencies and businesses impacted by bed bugs or directly involved in bed bug control began to meet and work together to create a local task force in early 2010. Since that time, the CCBBTF has routinely met to discuss current bed bug related news and issues and to identify methods of improving the dissemination of education and guidance on the prevention, detection and elimination of bed bug infestations. Meetings have typically been held on an every other month basis in the offices of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

We look forward to seeing you at the **2015 Cuyahoga County Bed Bug Educational Conference on Thursday, November 5th**. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the conference begins at 9:00 am. Additional information is available at www.cuyahogabedbugs.org.