

QUINCY PUBLIC LIBRARY BEDBUG POLICY

Quincy Public Library actively works toward the prevention, detection, containment, and elimination of bed bugs and bed bug eggs in Library materials and on Library premises.

QPL Library Materials

Staff will consistently inspect all incoming circulating materials including those returned at the public desks, in book drops, and through interlibrary loan delivery for evidence of bed bugs.

Evidence includes live or dead bed bugs, bed bug eggs, bed bug nymphs, shed bed bug skins, and feces and spotting associated with bed bugs.

Public Donations Protocol

Donors must inspect all materials for evidence of bed bugs before donating them to Quincy Public Library. If bed bug evidence is present or an issue or infestation in the original home of the items is known, the items will not be accepted by the Quincy Public Library or to the Friends of the Quincy Public Library. The Friends of the Quincy Public Library will follow the same procedures as Library staff to inspect incoming donated materials for evidence of bed bugs. Quincy Public Library and the Friends of the Quincy Public Library reserve the right to discard donated materials that show suspicious indications or evidence of past or present bed bug activity.

Interlibrary Loan

In the case that items belonging to other libraries and delivered through interlibrary loan to Quincy Public Library are discovered to have evidence of bed bugs, the materials will immediately be quarantined, and the home library will be contacted to determine next steps for its materials.

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