Treatment Guidelines

This exhibit focuses on six blood-feeding species: the bedbug, flea, head louse, pubic louse, mosquito and tick. Information on treatment and prevention of infestation is provided. If you suspect that you or your home might be infested, please consult the appropriate medical, veterinary or pest management professionals.

**Flea**
- Size: 1-7 mm
- Shape: Oval, flat
- Body: Brown or gray
- Legs: 6, strong
- Vectors: Pets,animate blood

**Bedbug**
- Size: 4-6 mm
- Shape: Oval, flat
- Body: Brown or red
- Legs: 6
- Vectors: Humans

**Head Louse**
- Size: 3 mm
- Shape: Oval, flat
- Body: Brown or gray
- Legs: 6
- Vectors: Humans

**Pubic Louse**
- Size: 3 mm
- Shape: Oval, flat
- Body: Brown or gray
- Legs: 6
- Vectors: Humans

**Tick**
- Size: Varies
- Shape: Cylindrical
- Body: Brown or gray
- Legs: 8
- Vectors: Humans, animals

**Mosquito**
- Size: 2-3 mm
- Shape: Egg-shaped
- Body: Brown or gray
- Wings: 2 pairs
- Vectors: Disease transmission

Wanna know more?

Centers for Disease Control
www.cdc.gov/parasites

United States Department of Agriculture
www.usda.gov

Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station
www.ct.gov/caes

Connecticut State Department of Public Health
www.ct.gov/dph

Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History
www.peabody.yale.edu/bloodsuckers