



Ohio Statewide Bed Bug Survey

The Ohio Statewide Bed Bug Survey was launched electronically on Friday, August 19th, 2011, using Survey Gizmo. Each pest management company should have received an email providing information for accessing the website. We ask for your immediate assistance in completing the survey, and your feedback for the electronic survey is requested no later than Friday, September 9, 2011. Note, however, that during the week of September 12th, 2011, we will be mailing a hard copy of the Ohio Statewide Bed Bug Survey (exact same questions) to non-respondents and to those who don't have internet access.

The Ohio Statewide Bed Bug Survey is an effort to gather data on the incidence and distribution of bed bugs throughout Ohio. The survey is being disseminated only to pest management professionals and not to government agencies, extension, or public health departments. (Because of the type of data to be collected, we ask that only pest management professionals complete the survey.) Even if you don't do bed bug work, we need to know this! And you only need to fill out the first four brief survey items.

Once the findings have been tabulated, plans are to share the survey results at future meetings and in a journal or trade magazine. Also, information will be shared with EPA and HUD in an effort to increase federal recognition of the bed bug problem.

At the conclusion of the survey, we would like to publicly acknowledge the participants. There are two options if you wish to be acknowledged: you can provide your name, company, and email (final three survey items), or you can skip these items and contact me at iones.1800@osu.edu to let me know that you completed the survey.

THANK YOU for helping with this important endeavor. Your support is very much appreciated.

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