

**WORK PROCEDURE:**

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Upon completion of the work, use a dedicated vacuum cleaner to vacuum the Tyvek suit / coveralls, and inspect your clothing and body to ensure you are not carrying any hitchhiking bedbugs.

After using the vacuum for removal of bed bugs:

1. Remove the vacuum from the room to a caretaking slop room.
2. Remove the bag from the vacuum and dispose of it in a specific garbage bag.
3. Detach the hose and wand and rinse thoroughly with hot water.
4. After the work is complete, remove your Tyvek suit and boots and dispose of them in the same specific garbage bag as the vacuum bag. Walk to the nearest washroom and wash properly with soap and water.

**ADDITIONAL READING:**

**Bedbug Information Fact Sheet**

With the declining use of pesticides coupled with increased exposure from travel, outbreaks of bedbug infestation have been occurring in homes, at fine hotels, on cruise ships, and university residences across Canada and the U.S. Sometimes bedbugs are unknowingly brought to the residence by a student in their luggage.

**They are not a health threat** and have not been shown to spread disease to humans. The main concern is the risk of infection caused by scratching the bite areas.

**Evidence of Bedbugs**