

## **ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**To:** Gary Lipka  
"the Owner"

**RE:** Those housing premises located in Lethbridge, Alberta and municipally described as:  
620 Columbia Boulevard W – Unit 122

**WHEREAS** I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. This unit continues to have an extensive bedbug infestation that impacts neighbouring suites, despite treatment by a licensed professional pest control operator. The suite requires extensive site preparations by the occupants to facilitate the effective extermination of the bedbug infestation.

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Housing Regulation, Alberta Regulation 173/99, and the Minimum Housing and Health Standards exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. This unit continues to have an extensive bedbug infestation that impacts neighbouring suites, despite treatment by a licensed professional pest control operator. The suite requires extensive site preparations by the occupants to facilitate the effective extermination of the bedbug infestation, which is in contravention of section V(16)(a)(iii) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: It is the occupants responsibility to allow access in accordance to the Residential Tenancy Act to do whatever is necessary to ensure the dwelling unit is ready for pesticide application.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
  - a. Remove all remaining carpet and underlay from the unit. Properly dispose of these in such a way that the common areas of the building are not affected.
  - b. Gather ALL clothing and bedding and ensure it is thoroughly laundered. All of it must be dried on high heat. Pack all clean clothing/bedding into an intact container (eg. heavy duty, thick bag) that is impervious to bedbug entry. It is recommended to discard as many infested items as possible.

- c. Thoroughly investigate ALL other belongings (movies, books, decorations, etc). Discard anything that may contain bedbugs. If there are any valuable or sentimental items that cannot be discarded, ensure that these are stored in a freezer for an extended amount of time or alternatively placed into off-site storage for at least a year.
- d. Thoroughly clean the unit. Ensure that ALL dead bedbugs are vacuumed up. Quickly empty the vacuum out into the garbage and immediately take the garbage out of the unit.

2. The work referred to in paragraph 1 shall be completed by July 7, 2024.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Lethbridge, Alberta, June 27, 2024

Executive Officer  
Environmental Health Officer

You have the right to appeal

A person who      a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and  
                             b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board  
c/o Central Reception  
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower  
10025 Jasper Avenue NW  
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6  
Phone: 780-222-5186  
Fax: 780-422-0914  
Email: [HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca](mailto:HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca)  
Website: <https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx>

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

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