

Chapter 40 Public Health

Section V

Gorham Bedbug Bulky Waste Policy

Authority: NH RSA 147 authorizes the Board of Health (Board of Selectmen and Health Officer) towns to make regulations relative to sanitary and health conditions

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to outline the responsibilities of a property owner to utilize proper procedures when disposing of bulky waste infested with bedbugs to prevent the spread of bed bug infestation by trash pickers.

STATEMENTS OF POLICY:

1. If it is determined that a residence, single or multi family dwelling, is infested with bedbugs, the owner/landlord shall be responsible for the disposal of any and all items that are deemed to be trash related to the infestation.
2. Said items shall be removed from the property and not be put to the curb for pickup. All items need to be bagged if possible and clearly marked "Bed Bugs" on the outside. Items shall be disposed of at the Gorham Public Works Garage or Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District facility.
3. Any person willfully violating such regulations shall be guilty of a violation, which could carry a fine of up to \$500 per violation. Each complaint could constitute a separate violation of this ordinance.

Adopted by Board of Selectmen – Town of Gorham

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