

Healthy Communities VT Network	
Bennington District Issues Identified	Bennington
Are there resources to physically and financially help people with removal?	
Breaking cycle (moving as only fix)	
Clarity re: legal responsibility/tenant & landlord re: bed bugs	
Clarity re: roles/procedures for schools, etc. re: bed bugs	
Culture of "more"/accumulation via QVC, etc.	
Denial of services because of level of bed bug infestation	X
Do we have a statewide hoarding task force? Should we?	
Don't know where to go/referrals	
Economics/Cost - tenants/landlords (costs \$2-3K to clean out one BDR apt)	X
Education/outreach (reduce stigma)	X
Fear	X
Fleas	
Healthcare	X
Hotels/Basic Resources - what do they do to inspect/prevent	X
Housing	X
How do we resolve denial there is a problem? (Hoarding) E.g. solutions can be mandated re: removal of personal effects, but it will be reaccumulated	
Lack of funding	
Lack of stakeholder coordination: landlords/managers, fire safety, town health officers, Dept of Mental Health, family members, etc.	
Lack of therapeutic/mental health options (hoarding similar to eating disorders); work takes time/build relationships	
Lack of/inconsistent resources/time/classes/experts/physical help	
Landlords	X
Legality - ability to help, enforcement	
more data re: local numbers re: hoarding - how do we know what this looks like in our communities?	
No collective group in area	
No David or Kate (hoarding experts) in our community - how are they funded?	
Oversight/Accountability/Enforcement re: bed bugs; Town Health Officer - currently not considered a major code violation; can this be changed? Enforcement mechanisms not effective, i.e. fines, court orders, eviction	X
PHO cannot help with privately-owned home	
Prevention/Early Intervention	
Re-use of furniture/recycle/need to treat items (LISTEN, SEVCA, COVER, Rent-A-Center)	
Risk of children being removed from parents	
Risk of losing housing/Section 8	
Self-spraying pesticides/health	X
Stigma/Case Info Sharing/Right to Know	X
Storage lockers	
Transportation	X