The Jersey City Municipal Code has recently been revised to address the problem of bedbugs. Sections 254-4 and 254-45 state that “All parts of a dwelling also shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, free of ... insects, rodents, vermin or other pests....”

Once the presence of bedbugs has been established:

**Landlords MUST:**
Exterminate the infestation by treating or spraying the infested unit and all horizontal and vertical units or public areas adjacent to the infested unit, for a total of nine units, repeating treatment every 2 weeks if necessary.

**Landlords MUST:**
Contract with a “Certified Exterminator” (i.e. an exterminator with specialized training in bedbug eradication) for as many times as is necessary to totally eliminate the problem.

**Landlords CANNOT:**
Charge tenants for exterminator costs, unless tenants fail to properly maintain the dwelling and the bedbugs return.

**WHO TO CALL?**
The Division of Housing Code Enforcement at 201-547-4821 or 201 547-4825

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