

Native Remedies For Bed Bugs

There are many historical remedies for conditions, including insect pests, that society in general has forgotten of. The funny thing is that lots of the chemicals used in these circumstances are derivatives of the original Indian or historical remedies. For instance, permethrin, one of the best insect deterrents, is made from chrysanthemums

Bed bugs have been in the Americas since the Eighteenth Century at least, but before that they had ticks, fleas and other insect pests and native remedies were discovered to control the numbers of these bugs and they were discovered to work on bed bugs as well.

Most people forgot about these old remedies with the general use of DDT during and after the Second World War. DDT was so effective at killing insects that there appeared to be no need to use the old solutions, because the old remedies frequently need continuous use to get effective, whereas chemical insecticides are much stronger.

Although bed bugs were virtually eliminated from the West, the same was not a fact in Africa and most of Asia, where DDT was not used a lot. It is supposed that the reappearance of bedbugs in 1995 came from Africa and Asia, due to increased long-haul travel and migration.

Evidence for this theory is partly based on the fact that hotels are hit more than average with bed bug infestations when compared to the average Western home. Most people in the developed world will still pick up bugs from hotels and public transport such as trains, planes, taxis and buses.

Any pesticide that you use to kill bedbugs has the same difficulty to contend with. Bedbugs have a 'thick' waxy coat which stops the pesticide from contacting the insects' skin, soaking into it and destroying it by one means or another.

If you can wash or scrape this wax off, your problem is a lot easier. Diatomaceous Earth or rough sand will do this, if the bugs are made to crawl through it to squeeze into their dwellings.

These coarse substances will abrade the wax off over time - a few of days to a week - so that natural insect control agents like chrysanthemum, neem, thyme and some other oils can get at them to do their job.

I do not know what the native people used in your country because I do not know where you live, but you can find out easily. Pine oil, cedar oil and teak oil are other natural substances derived from trees that repel or kill insects.. The trees use these oils to repel insect colonies boring into themselves.

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