

Prevent Yourself from Getting *Ticked Off*.

Tick season is approaching and now is the time to begin the process of safeguarding against them.

Here is a brief overview of how a prevention plan can benefit your property and family instead of waiting for issues to arise.

Open Season

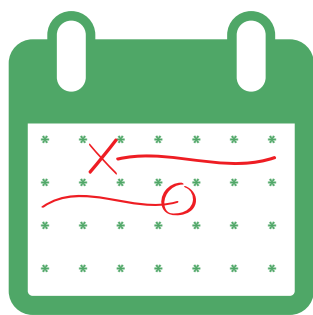
Last year, nearly 60,000 cases of tickborne disease were reported to CDC by state health departments and the District of Columbia.

Though we can't predict how bad any particular season will be, we know that reducing exposure to ticks is the best defense against Lyme disease.¹



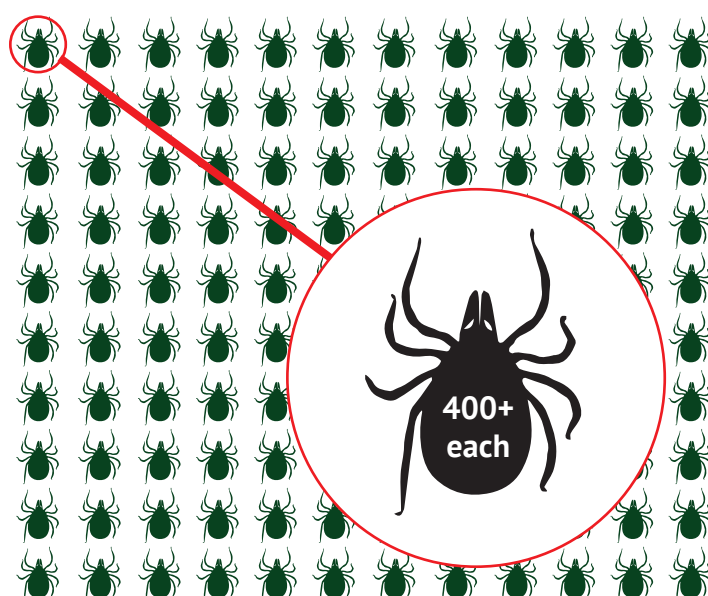
The Blacklegged (Deer) Tick

The blacklegged (deer) tick is a notorious biting arachnid named for its dark legs. Blacklegged ticks are sometimes called deer ticks because their preferred adult host is the white-tailed deer. Can transmit: Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, human babesiosis, Powassan encephalitis, and more.³



A Shield to Keep Family Healthy

The Graduate Mosquito & Tick Reduction Program includes five scheduled treatments to help prevent disease-carrying insects from infesting your property from May to October — when you need the protection the most.



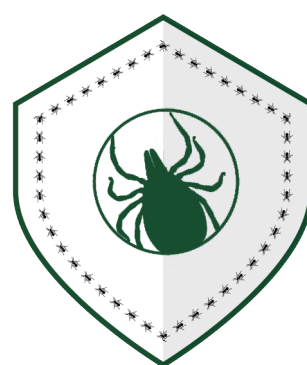
The American Dog Tick

As larvae, they have six legs while nymphs and adults have eight. These extremities allow them to effectively crawl through their environment, as well as animal fur and human hair. Can transmit: Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia.²



Why a Check Up from a Pro Makes a Difference

Blood-engorged females survive the winter in the forest leaf litter and begin laying their 1,500 or more eggs around Memorial Day (late May). These eggs hatch in July, and the life-cycle starts again when larvae become active in August.⁴



1 - <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2019/s0422-new-tick-resource.html>
2 - <https://www.pestworld.org/pest-guide/ticks/american-dog-ticks/>
3 - <https://www.pestworld.org/pest-guide/ticks/blacklegged-deer-ticks/>
4 - University of Rhode Island



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