



TICK CONTROL

Two of the more worrisome ticks found in North America are the American dog tick and the deer tick.

The **American dog tick** feeds on a variety of warmblooded animals, including dogs and humans. It has been known to transmit Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other

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diseases from animals to people, and can even cause paralysis in children.

The **deer tick** is much smaller than the American dog tick (slightly larger than a pin head), and is responsible for the spread of Lyme disease among humans.

Lyme disease can be carried by mice, dogs, cats, raccoons and squirrels. Deer ticks pick the disease up from these carriers and transmit it to people with their bites. Research shows that most bites occur in people's own lawns.

Symptoms of Lyme disease include a bullseye-shaped rash, headaches, fever, chills, nausea, fatigue, muscle and joint pain, and swollen glands. In later stages of the disease, arthritis, nerve or heart disorders, meningitis, encephalitis and facial paralysis can occur.

Properties located next to heavily wooded areas, and those with an abundance of trees and shrubs in the landscape, are especially prone to tick infestation. We can help to keep ticks out of your yard with pesticide treatments, paying special attention to your lawn and any shrubbery.

We'll be happy to provide an inspection of your property to determine the best strategy for keeping ticks out of your yard. For more information on tick control or to schedule preventative treatments customized to your needs, call today.

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