

# **Fight Ticks One Yard at a Time**

**You can protect yourself and your family from ticks that may transmit Lyme disease and other illnesses.**

**In order to eliminate tick harborage & reduce Lyme disease exposure risks around your Home & yard you should:**

- Regularly remove leaf litter & clear tall grasses and brush.
- Keep lawns mowed & edges trimmed.
- Stack woodpiles neatly away from the house and preferably off the ground.
- Keep play areas and playground equipment away from away from shrubs, bushes, and other vegetation.
- Remove plants that attract deer to discourage them from entering your yard and bringing black legged ticks with them.
- Keep the ground under bird feeders clean so as to not attract small animals such as the white footed mouse that can carry ticks into your yard.
- Effective tick control products are available for use by the homeowner, or they can be applied by a professional pest control expert, and even limited applications can greatly reduce the number of ticks. If you purchase these products be sure that they are labeled for tick control in the setting you intend to use them. Always follow label directions for safety and efficacy. ***The Label Is The Law!***



Remember that whether you are working or playing in your yard any contact with vegetation can result in exposure to ticks. Wear long sleeves; tuck your pants into socks and shirts into pants.

Use insect repellants according to label instructions.

**Check yourself for ticks!!**



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