

Tick Habitat and Your Protection

Many people think ticks are only present in the woods. However, ticks can be found in many areas around the home especially, under plants and leaves, which prevent the ticks from dehydration extending their lifespan. Below are a few areas of concern when trying to avoid ticks.

- Where woods or fields meet the lawn
- Wooded areas
- Tall brush and grass
- Under leaves
- Very small numbers on manicured lawns or sports fields
- Under ground cover to waist high plants in yard; especially bordering woods or meadows
- Around stone walls, fence lines and woodpiles where mice & other small mammals frequent
- Meadows or wild flower stands
- In forested and vegetated parks or trails; stay on the path to limit susceptibility to ticks.



Black Legged Deer Tick - Lyme's Disease

**It is rumored that ticks drop out of trees from above, this is a fallacy. Ticks lay in wait on vegetation from ground level to shoulder height waiting for the target host to brush against vegetation to hook on and catch a ride. Certain ticks can be alerted by vision, vibrations, carbon dioxide and heat and will travel short distances to the stimulus (host).*

The best way to protect your family from tick bites is to ensure everyone wears light colored clothing to detect a tick's presence and always use repellent containing DEET whenever you're in area where ticks are suspected to live. To protect pets talk with veterinarian for an appropriate flea and tick treatment option.

For further helpful information about ticks follow link: <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/>