

Property Prevention

Quick Tricks to Stop Ticks

Ticks are most likely to be in woods, where woods meet lawn, where lawn meets fields, tall brush/grass, under leaves, under ground cover (low growing vegetation), near stone walls or wood piles, shady areas, around bird feeders, outside pet areas.

What you can do to lower your/your pet's exposure to ticks on your property:

- Keep your lawn mowed (ticks hide in tall grass)
- Rake up leave and grass clippings (ticks hide under leaves/grass clippings)
- Keep ground cover trimmed away from walkways (ticks are close to pathways)
- Place stone walls/woodpiles as far as possible from house (rodents live there & carry ticks)
- Place a wood chip barrier between your property and wooded/field areas (ticks may not cross)
- Place swing sets and other play sets in the sunny areas, away from woods/fields (ticks hate sun)
- Keep bird feeders away from your house (rodents seek dropped bird food & carry ticks)
- Consider controls for small mammals e.g., mice (they carry ticks which get Lyme from them)
- Consider deer fencing in areas where deer populations are high (deer transport ticks)
- Keep outside pet areas cleared of leaf and other debris.(dogs can carry loose ticks inside)



More detailed information on property management can be found in these 2 publications. LDA does not endorse any products or particular practices but provides links for informational purposes.

<http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/publications/bulletins/b1010.pdf>

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