

## TICK TIPS

✱ Deer tick adults and nymphs may carry Lyme disease, babesiosis and ehrlichiosis. American dog ticks have not been shown to carry these diseases.

✱ Ticks are found generally in a wooded habitat, near the ground. They may be active during any month, but late spring to early summer, and fall, are seasons of high risk.

✱ Ticks may be seen readily on light-colored clothing. Do a tick check every day.

✱ Remove embedded ticks promptly. Grasp the tick at the point of entry and pull back steadily, using tweezers. Avoid squeezing the body. Then, swab the site with antiseptic.

✱ If you suspect that you have Lyme disease, see your doctor. Symptoms vary, but may include flu, headache, joint aches and/or a reddish circular rash.

					
Larvae	Nymph	Male Adults	Female Adults	Male Adults	Female Adults
<b>DEER TICK</b> <i>Ixodes scapularis</i>			<b>AMERICAN DOG TICK</b> <i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>		
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