

BEWARE OF TICKS!

Be prepared and protected from tick-borne diseases



BE PREPARED. Tick ranges are spreading rapidly in Illinois & found to carry several tick-borne diseases. Tick protection & prevention is important for you, your family, and your pets.

TREAT EVERYTHING. Treat all gear and clothes with permethrin by following product instructions.

- Permethrin is for clothes & gear only - not skin.
- Permethrin lasts for several washes.
- Spray in well-ventilated area and hang to dry.
- How to video see: www.illymeassociation.org/info-for-hunters

* Caution: Permethrin may cause neurological symptoms in cats when wet.



WHEN YOU COME INSIDE, CHECK FOR TICKS.

- Use a masking tape lint roller over your clothes.
- Put your clothes in the dryer on the hottest setting for 20 minutes to kill ticks.

TAKE A SHOWER.

While showering, continue to check for ticks. Use a mirror to look in folds, creases, and even in between your toes. Showering within two hours of coming indoors has been shown to cut your risk of contracting Lyme disease. (CDC)

Where to send a tick for testing:

- * www.tickreport.com - Results in 3 days
- * www.tickology.org - Results in 24 hours
- * **There is a fee for tick testing.** Follow company directions for mailing. Tick testing is not to be used as a diagnostic; however it is a helpful tool.
- * **Get FREE tick identification** through INHS Medical Entomology Lab. Visit: medical-entomology.inhs.illinois.edu/research/free-tick-identifications/

REMOVE TICKS AND SAVE FOR TESTING. If bitten by a tick, remove it carefully with a pair of fine-pointed tweezers. Don't twist it, burn it, smother it with vaseline, or use essential oils on it.

- Save the tick for testing.
- Place it in a sealable bag, and send it to a tick testing site.
- Don't crush it.

LAY DOWN A PERMETHRIN-TREATED SHEET. When hanging deer in a garage or shed, lay a pre-treated, permethrin-coated sheet underneath of them. As ticks fall from the deer, they'll land on the sheet and die. Hunters can collect ticks off the harvest (wear gloves!). Send for tick testing or identification.

