

# Create a tick-free zone in your backyard

Ticks are carriers of nasty diseases that can infect your pet—and you. Use these tips from the to keep your backyard free from pests.

## Ornamental plantings

Edge plants with wood chip borders and include in them in the area that you use perimeter spray or use granules recommended for killing ticks.

## Leaf litter

Rake and remove fallen leaves.

## Deer

Keep tick-harboring deer out of your yard by installing a deer fence, using deer repellent, putting in plants that deer don't like.

## Pets

Protect pets year-round with preventive medications. Use containment, such as a fence, to create tick-safe zones for pets.

## Wood pile

Move it to a low-traffic area and use tick tubes for mice.

## Overgrown shrubs

Remove fallen leaves and branches and trim low-hanging branches.

## Perimeter

Perimeter sprays that use tick-killing products like bifenthrin work well. Spray 2-3 feet out into the yard and 10-15 feet back into the woods.

## Shed

Around buildings in your yard, trim weeds and tall grass, rake and remove leaves and remove clutter.

## Woody areas

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