

5 False Facts About Ticks

THE MOST COMMON MYTHS, MISCONCEPTIONS, AND THEORIES WE HAVE HEARD OVER THE YEARS...



1.) BAD TICKS ARE ONLY ACTIVE IN SPRING & SUMMER - FALSE

Ticks can be out and actively looking for hosts anytime it is above freezing.

2.) THROW AWAY THE TICK AFTER IT BITES YOU - FALSE

Save the tick in a baggie, in your freezer. Write the date and location information. This will be huge if you develop symptoms later.



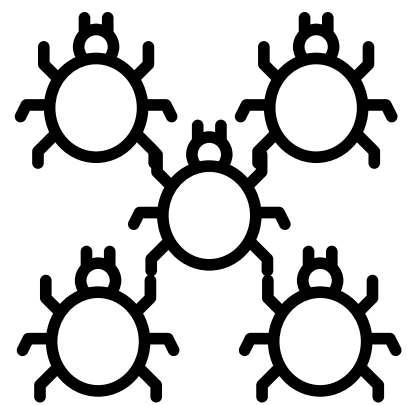
3.) YOU WILL HAVE A BULLSEYE RASH BEFORE YOU DEVELOP LYME DISEASE - FALSE

CDC reports only 70-80% of Lyme infected individuals will develop erythema migrans (bullseye rash). Become familiar with the other Lyme symptoms - fevers, chills, headaches, and joint and muscle aches



4.) DEER TICKS ARE THE ONLY ONES YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT - FALSE

According to the CDC, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, babesiosis & Powassan virus are all on the rise. These are all transmitted by other ticks, not the deer tick.



5.) TICKS WILL FALL FROM TREES OR JUMP ON YOU- FALSE

Ticks quest to find hosts. This means climbing vegetation and waiting at the tip with both front legs extended, then they latch on to whatever passes by.



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