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Tick Season 2023 is Here!

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Ticks are small bloodsucking parasites that are commonly found in the northeastern United States. They can carry and transmit diseases such as Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and Anaplasmosis, making it important for people to take steps to protect themselves from tick bites.

There are several factors that can affect

the tick population in the Northeast. The most important of these is temperature, as ticks are highly sensitive to changes in weather patterns. Warmer temperatures can increase the tick population, while cooler temperatures can reduce it. Additionally, the presence of host species, such as deer and small mammals, can also affect the tick population, as these species provide food for the ticks. Finally, precipitation levels can also play a role, as dry conditions can reduce the number of ticks, while wet conditions can increase it.

To protect yourself and your pets from ticks, it is important to take several precautions. First, when spending time outdoors, especially in wooded or grassy areas, it is important to wear long pants and sleeves, and to use alternative insect repellents like lemon eucalyptus oil or permethrin-treated clothing. Also, it is



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and technologies that have been developed to help protect against tick bites. For example, tick-repellent clothing and gear can be treated with insecticides to provide longlasting protection. There are also new types of tick collars for pets that contain insecticides, and there are even some tick-repellent sprays that can be applied directly to skin. (Read the directions about any precautions to protect yourself from the insecticides when petting your furry friends).

important to regularly check yourself and your

pets for ticks, and

to remove any

ticks you find as

soon as possible.

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It is also a good idea to keep your yard tick-free by removing tall grass and weeds, and by keeping your lawn mowed, (hopefully with an electric mower). You can also use tick tubes, which are small cardboard tubes filled with treated cotton that can be placed around the yard to kill ticks before they reach you or your pets.

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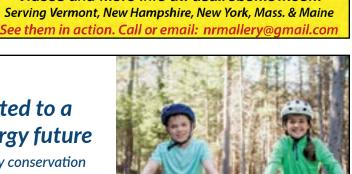
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