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PEST GUIDEBOOK



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Finally, spring is in the air.



The last few weeks of winter in New England always seem to drag on forever, but we've finally made it. Spring is here, bringing the promise of more daylight hours and warmer weather. It's enough to make you jump for joy - and pests are doing the same.

While all four seasons present their own unique pest problems, spring is a particularly exciting one for some of the most annoying critters we see all year. Ants, termites, ticks, and mosquitoes, among others, waste no time *springing* into action when the snow melts - and in their frantic search for food and mates, often wind up right at your front door.

Although many common springtime pests are little more than a nuisance, some can damage your home and pose health risks. Put a stop to what's bugging you with Burgess Pest's Spring Pest Guidebook, because you've waited a long time to enjoy this season, and pests shouldn't be allowed to take that away from you.

As always, our team is here when you need us, all year long. Head to burgesspest.com or call **508-587-4309** for more information or to schedule a free estimate.

SPRING CLEANING DOUBLE DUTY: PEST PREVENTION



De-Clutter. All that "stuff" we stash in attics, garages, & basements provides shelter, nesting material, & food.

Deny food. Pantry items & pet food should be stored in airtight containers. Clean up crumbs & spills promptly.



Dry out. Fix leaks & eliminate standing water inside & outside.

Patch it up. Make sure screens are intact & secure, windows & doors close completely, & seal any cracks & crevices.



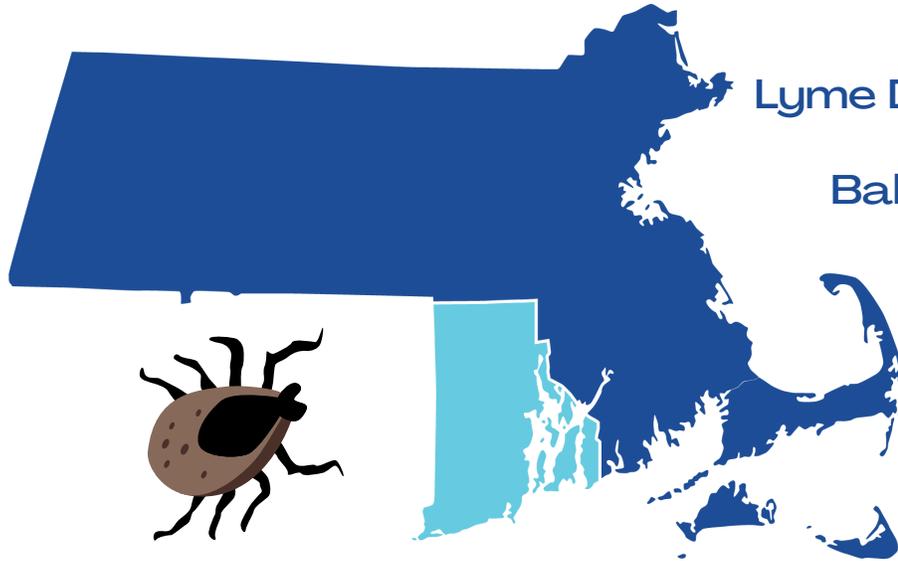
Get outside. Clear up yard debris, trim shrubs & branches back from your home.

TICK-BORNE DISEASES

QUICK REFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET



DISEASES SPREAD BY TICKS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND



Lyme Disease

Babesiosis

Anaplasmosis

Powassan Virus

Tularemia

PREVENTION CHECKLIST



Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to spot



Wear pants, long sleeves, and tall socks whenever possible



Use repellent that is EPA-approved



Shower or bathe after spending time outdoors

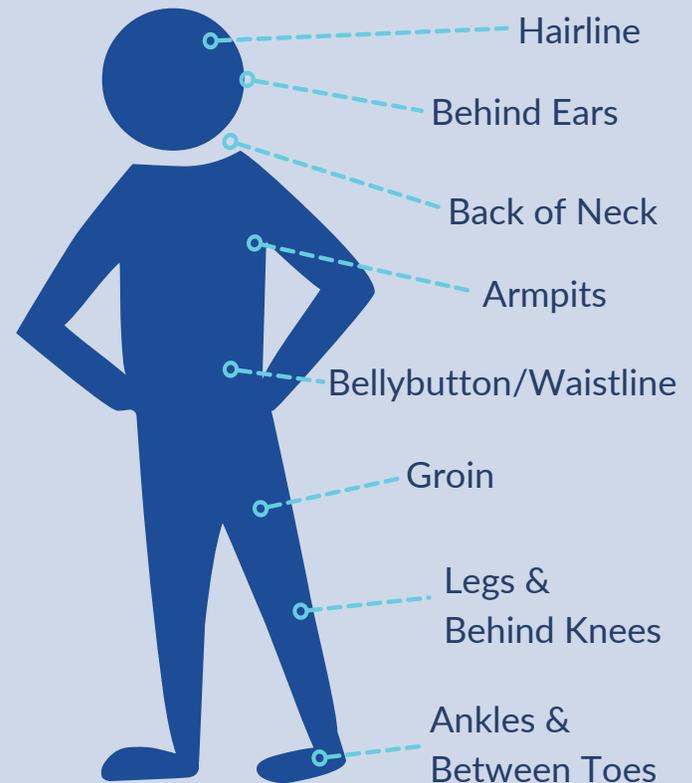


Avoid tall grass in yards, trails and parks



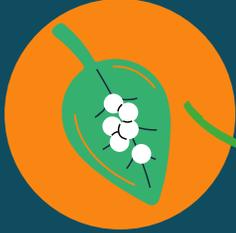
Frequent body checks on yourself, children & pets

WHERE TO CHECK FOR TICKS



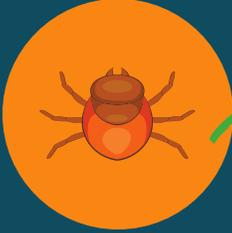
TICK TOCK: THE TICK LIFE CYCLE

The most common species of disease-spreading ticks go through four life stages: egg, larva, nymph, and adult.



EGGS

Adult females drop off their blood host after feeding through the spring to lay their eggs in protected areas. A well-fed female is capable of laying over 1,000 eggs at a time.



LARVAE

After hatching, six-legged larvae begin searching for a host to feed on.



NYMPH

After a good blood meal, larvae drop off the host and molt to become the 8-legged nymph. The nymph will then wait for a second host.



ADULT

The nymph molts once more to become an adult. The adult finds another host to feed on. They will then reproduce in the fall, females overwintering until it's time to lay eggs in the spring.

THE ENTIRE TICK LIFE CYCLE CAN TAKE

A FEW MONTHS *to* SEVERAL YEARS

TO COMPLETE

HOSTS OF CHOICE INCLUDE:



MICE / DEER / PEOPLE / PETS

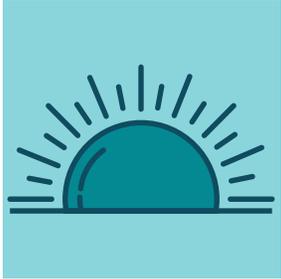
PROTECT YOUR PAD FROM TICKS STARTING AT JUST

\$49

PER MONTH FOR A STANDALONE PLAN

FIGHT THE BITE

Tips for preventing mosquito bites & reducing your risk of mosquito-borne diseases



Avoid being outdoors during dawn & dusk



Wear protective clothing when outdoors



Use EPA-approved insect repellents



Mosquito-proof your home



Dump and/or drain standing water



Install & maintain door & window screens



Clear gutters of leaves & other debris



Keep grass trim & yard waste to a minimum



Frequently change water in bird baths, pet dishes, etc

ABOUT MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES

Small insect, BIG problems: Mosquitoes are considered the world's deadliest "animal" due to the number of diseases they can spread to humans.

EEE

A virus spread to humans & horses by mosquitoes that fed on infected birds

WNV

A virus spread to humans by mosquitoes that fed on infected birds

CHIKUNGUNYA

A virus causing fever, joint pain, headache, muscle pain, and/or rash

DENGUE FEVER

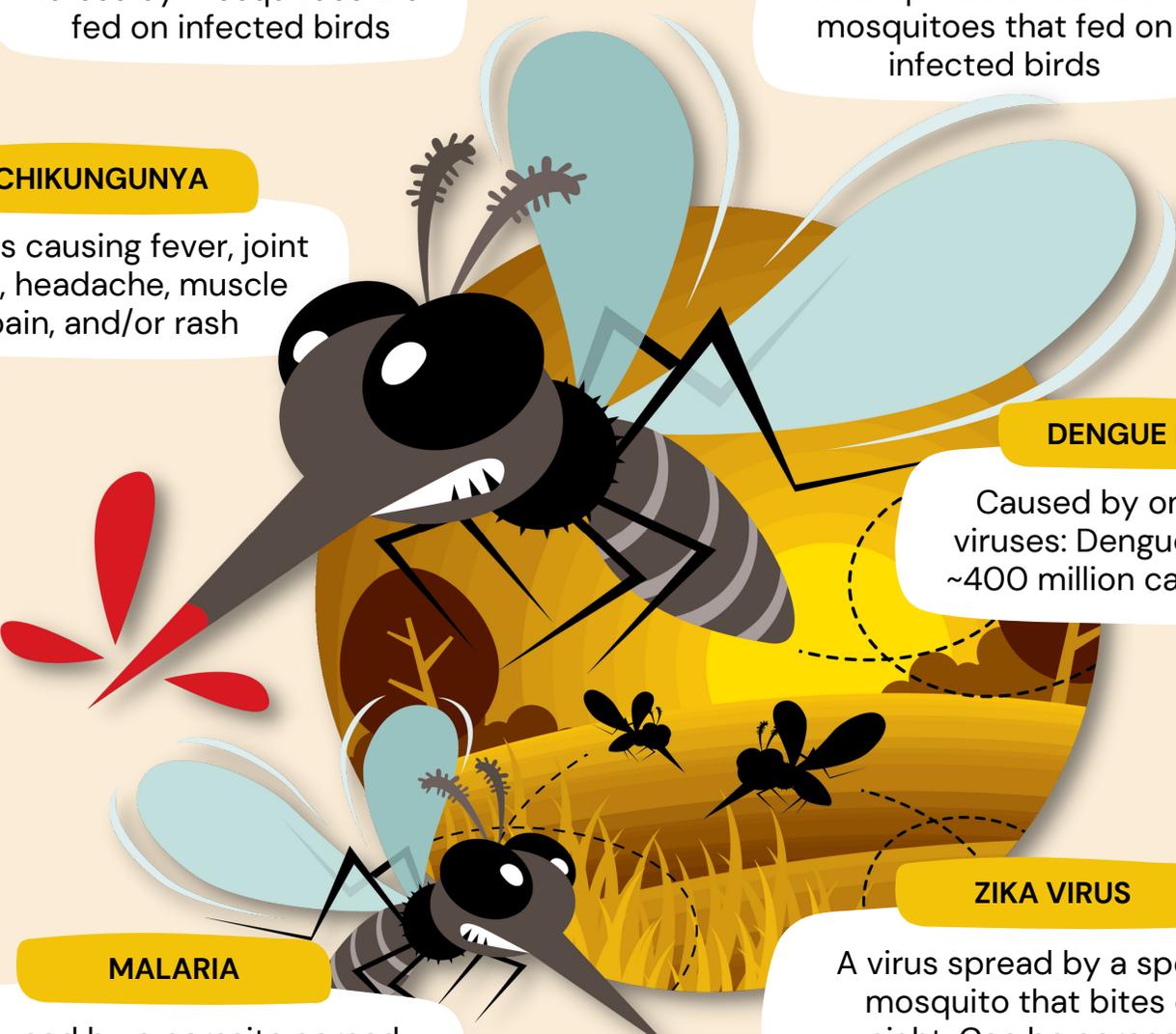
Caused by one of any 4 viruses: Dengue 1, 2, 3, or 4. ~400 million cases annually

MALARIA

Caused by a parasite spread to humans via mosquito bite. Nearly 290 million infections each year

ZIKA VIRUS

A virus spread by a species of mosquito that bites day & night. Can be spread from pregnant woman to fetus



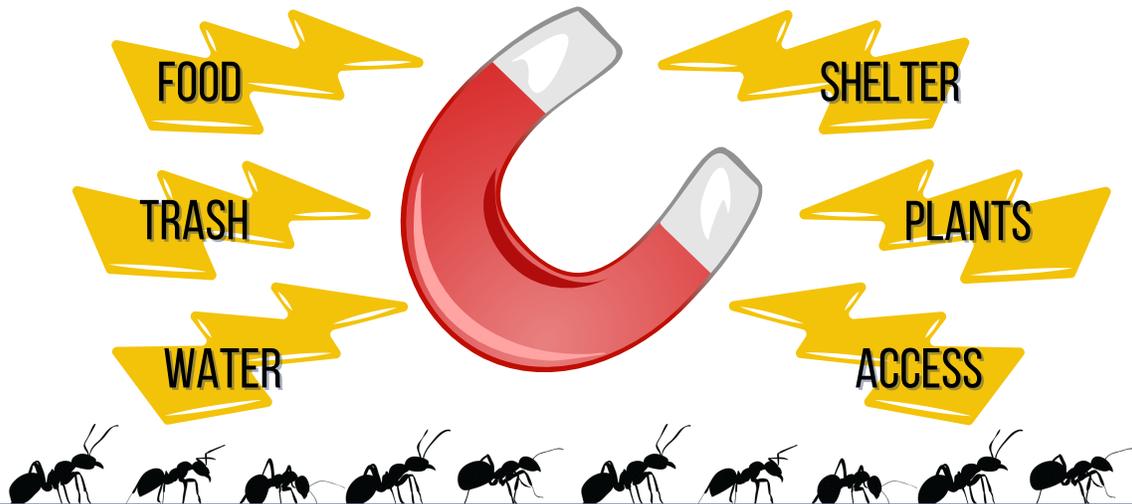
There is no cure, treatment, or vaccine for many mosquito-borne diseases. Bite prevention is the best defense.

ANT CONTROL TIPS



↑ WHERE YOU'LL SEE THEM

WHAT'S ATTRACTING THEM ↓



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DIY PREVENTION



Keep Clean
Regularly wipe down
countertops & sweep or
vacuum floors



Seal Food
Store food in tightly
sealed containers

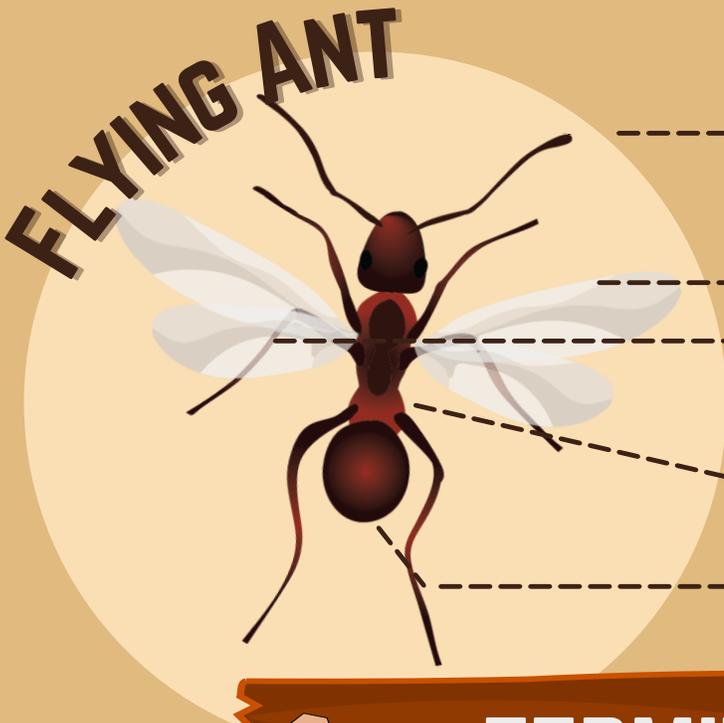


Remove Water Sources
Check for plumbing leaks
or standing water



Deny Access
Seal cracks & crevices
in foundation, openings
around windows & doors

FLYING ANT



Bent antennae

2 sets of wings,
uneven in length,
shorter than body

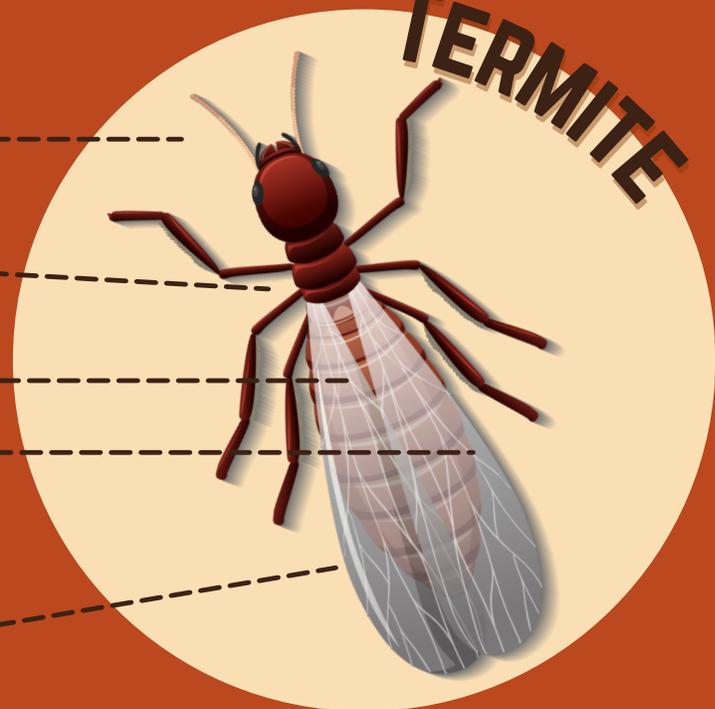
Pinched waist

Hard body

TERMITE OR FLYING ANT?

KNOW THE DIFFERENCES

TERMITE



Straight antennae

Broad waist

2 sets of wings,
even in length,
longer than body

Soft body

SIGNS OF A TERMITE INFESTATION

Whiteish insects
(live or dead)
inside or in
mulch beds



Wood damage



Translucent wings
or winged insects



Mud tubing

TERMITE HOT SPOTS IN YOUR HOME

1. Dead trees or stumps
2. Inside walls
3. Perimeter of home & mulch beds
4. Beneath foundation
5. Basement

