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# TV TAKES

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## DON'T LET TICKS TAKE YOU FOR A RIDE



AS YOUR FAMILY AND PETS ENJOY THE OUTDOORS THIS SEASON, BEWARE OF TICKS. THESE BLOOD-SUCKING PARASITES CAN TRANSMIT DISEASES, SUCH AS LYME DISEASE, COLORADO TICK FEVER AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER, TO THEIR HUMAN HOSTS.

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL STATES THAT LYME DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMONLY REPORTED VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE IN THE U-S. MOST HUMAN CASES ARE REPORTED IN SPRING AND SUMMER, WHEN YOUNG TICKS ARE MOST ACTIVE.

ACCORDING TO ORKIN, TICKS THRIVE IN VARIOUS HABITATS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY HEAVILY VEGETATED AREAS. TALL GRASS AND SHRUBBERY PROVIDE TICKS WITH ACCESS TO PASSING ANIMALS AND HUMANS.

TO AVOID TICK BITES, WEAR REPELLENT AND LONG SLEEVES AND PANTS WHEN OUTDOORS. ONCE INSIDE, CAREFULLY CHECK YOUR ENTIRE BODY AND YOUR PETS. IF A TICK IS ATTACHED TO YOUR SKIN, REMOVE IT WITH FINE-TIPPED TWEEZERS. CONTACT A PHYSICIAN IF SIGNS OF INFECTION APPEAR.

IF YOU SUSPECT A TICK PROBLEM AROUND YOUR HOME, VISIT [W-W-W--DOT--ORKIN--DOT--COM](http://W-W-W--DOT--ORKIN--DOT--COM). FOR MORE ON TICK-BORNE DISEASES, VISIT [W-W-W--DOT--C-D-C--DOT--GOV](http://W-W-W--DOT--C-D-C--DOT--GOV).