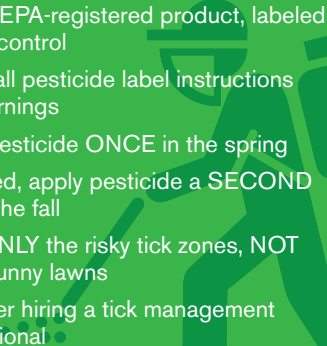


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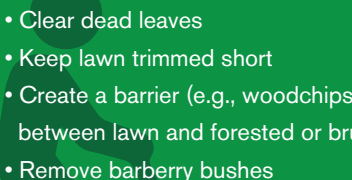
# Keep Your Family Safe From Ticks.

## Plan an Effective Tick Reduction Strategy:


### Apply an Effective Pesticide

- Use an EPA-registered product, labeled for tick control
  - Follow all pesticide label instructions and warnings
  - Apply pesticide ONCE in the spring
  - If needed, apply pesticide a SECOND time in the fall
  - Treat ONLY the risky tick zones, NOT open, sunny lawns
  - Consider hiring a tick management professional
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### Manage Your Landscape

- Clear dead leaves
  - Keep lawn trimmed short
  - Create a barrier (e.g., woodchips) between lawn and forested or brushy edge
  - Remove barberry bushes
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### Discourage Deer Visits

- Select deer-resistant plantings
  - Install deer fencing
  - Avoid feeding deer
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To learn the most effective ways to reduce ticks in your yard, visit:

**[SpraySafePlaySafe.org](https://www.spraysafeplaysafe.org)**

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