

## Giroud Fact Sheet: Tick Control

### *Ticks are a dangerous pest.*

The Blacklegged Tick, commonly known as the Deer Tick, is *the* most dangerous tick to humans and pets. This tick is responsible for the epidemic spread of Lyme Disease as well as other serious illnesses. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Pennsylvania has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest incidence of Lyme Disease in the nation and our region is one of the worst in the state.

Blacklegged Ticks usually live around the fringes of your property. They like the shade. They seek protection from the sun in ground level vegetation such as high grasses, underbrush, shrubs and wooded areas.



*Deer Tick*

### *Giroud can help protect your family and pets.*

1. **Property inspection:** Your Giroud Arborist will complete a risk assessment of your property to identify tick danger zones and develop a customized tick control program.
2. **Perimeter Clean-up:** Ticks are shade lovers and can't survive in the sun. The Giroud Team can eliminate shady tick habitats by:
  - Cleaning up and/or clearing overgrown areas.
  - Pruning tree branches and shrubs around the lawn edge to let in more sunlight.
3. **Deer Repellent:** Deer are the primary carrier of ticks to your property. Talk to your Giroud Arborist about our Deer Repellent service. It's safe, friendly to beneficial insects, odorless, water-resistant and deer can't tolerate it!
4. **Tick Control Treatments:** Giroud's trained PA Certified Applicators will treat high risk areas with a targeted pesticide application in late Spring and September/October. Additional treatments may be required in areas with highest tick populations.
5. **Plant Selection:** We will identify plants that are attracting deer to your yard and suggest alternative plants.

### *For more information:*

To learn more about ticks and ways to protect your family, please visit our website at:  
<http://www.giroudtree.com/tree-service/seasonal-tree-service/summer-tree-care>