

# CAUTION

## EXOTIC TICKS FOUND IN THE STATE



A new tick to the United States, *Haemaphysalis longicornis* (the longhorned or bush tick) has been found in New Jersey. The United States Department of Agriculture, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Rutgers University, Mosquito Control and other local agencies are working to get rid of this tick before it spreads. Ticks will bite humans, pets, and livestock to feed on blood. Tick bites can cause irritation and transmit diseases. Please be safe and help us control the spread of this tick by following the recommendations below.

### To Avoid Tick Bites and the Movement of Ticks:

- Apply a tick repellent containing at least 20% DEET to exposed skin and clothing.
- Apply a product containing permethrin to clothing to kill ticks.
- Stay in the middle of trails. Avoid contact with tall grasses, shrubs, fallen leaves, and logs under trees.
- Check yourself for ticks often and remove any ticks before leaving this area.
- Check your pet for ticks, keep pets on trails.
- Bathe or shower as soon as possible to wash off and more easily find ticks.
- Check your entire body for ticks for several days after you leave this area.

Actual size of longhorned tick



nymph   adult male   adult female

For information : <http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/>

To report a suspected longhorned tick  
call: 1-833-NEW-TICK