

Tick Tubes

Tick Tubes are a safe, low cost product that kills ticks outside your home with little time or effort required on your part. They work by killing tick nymphs on mice before the ticks can grow up to bite us and transmit Lyme disease.

Tick Tubes are not new – they have been available on the market for over 10 years.



The tick life cycle requires 2 blood meals before a tick is mature and can lay eggs for the next generation. Many ticks obtain their first blood meal from mice. Tick Tubes contain cotton that mice will take from the tubes to line their nests. The cotton is treated with a chemical, permethrin, which kills ticks. Mice kill the ticks on themselves simply by living in their nests once they take cotton from the tubes.

How does a homeowner use Tick Tubes?

A single Tick Tube is expected to fully treat mice within 5 square yards of mouse habitat, according to studies conducted by the manufacturer in the late 1990s. Mouse habitat consists of foundations, rock piles, wood piles, stone walls, mulch beds, overgrown areas, and woodlands. Only the mouse habitat needs to be treated, not your whole property.

The best time of year to place tick tubes is mid-April through August.

You only need to place Tick Tubes in mouse habitat on your property to receive protection from ticks and Lyme disease. Mice will do all the rest of the work. You will know you are being protected when you see that cotton has been taken from the tubes.

Two great features of Tick Tubes, besides killing ticks, are they do not have a shelf life and are completely biodegradable. You can store any unused Tick Tubes indefinitely with no loss of effectiveness. The tubes will break down naturally when exposed to weather and they do not create a mess. They have also been shown to be safe as animals such as dogs and cats do not bother them.

How can I get more Information?

Damminex, the manufacturer of Tick Tubes, has a wealth of information available on its Web Site at www.TickTubes.com.

The [Lyme Disease Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania](#) is a great resource for information about the disease. "[Lyme Disease and associated disease - The Basics](#)" is a brief online publication that provides great questions and answers regarding Lyme disease.