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Create a tick-free zone in your backyard

Ticks are carriers of nasty diseases that can infect your pet—and you. Use these tips from the to keep your backyard free from pests.

Ornamental plantings

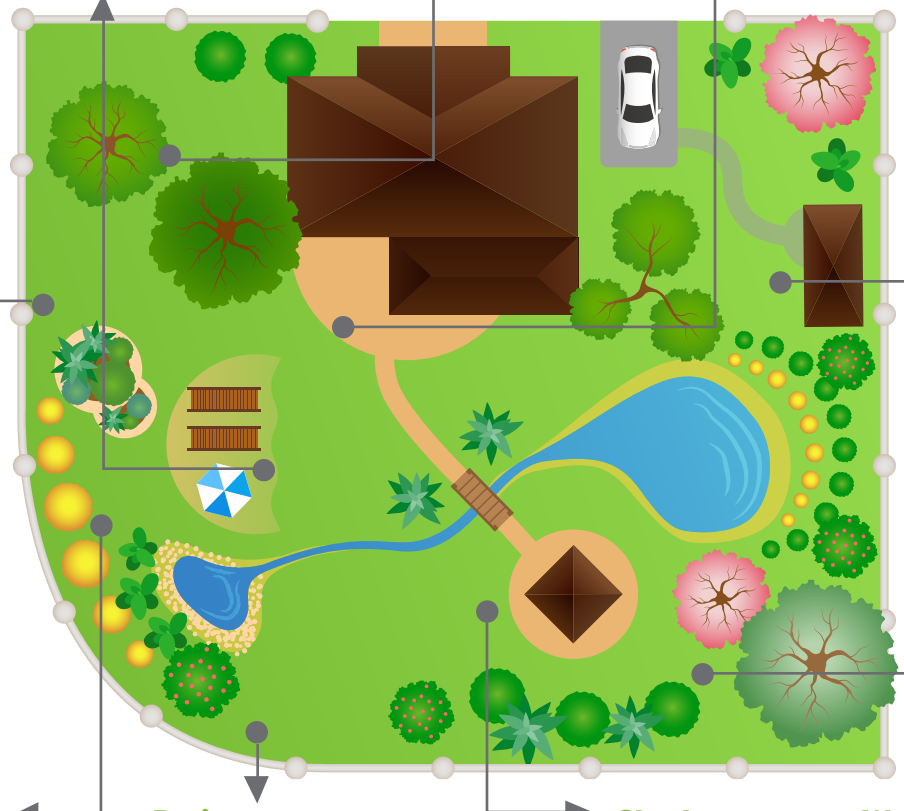
Edge plants with wood chip borders and include in them in the area that you use perimeter spray or use granules recommended for killing ticks.

Leaf litter

Rake and remove fallen leaves.

Deer

Keep tick-harboring deer out of your yard by installing a deer fence, using deer repellent, putting in plants that deer don't like.



Pets

Protect pets year-round with preventive medications. Use containment, such as a fence, to create tick-safe zones for pets.

Wood pile

Move it to a low-traffic area and use tick tubes for mice.

Overgrown shrubs

Remove fallen leaves and branches and trim low-hanging branches.

Perimeter

Perimeter sprays that use tick-killing products like bifenthrin work well. Spray 2-3 feet out into the yard and 10-15 feet back into the woods.

Shed

Around buildings in your yard, trim weeds and tall grass, rake and remove leaves and remove clutter.

Woodsy areas

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