Tick Removal and Identification

How To Remove a Tick

To remove a tick embedded in the skin:
• Use needle-nosed tweezers to carefully grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible and pull slowly upward.
• Avoid twisting or crushing the tick.
• DO NOT try to burn or smother the tick.
• Clean the bite area with soap and water, alcohol or household antiseptic.
• If you are concerned about removing a tick by yourself, seek the help of your doctor; if the tick is on your pet, contact your local vet.

What to do with a tick once it is removed:
• Put the tick in a plastic bag or plastic container.
• Keep a piece of moistened paper towel in with the tick; this will prevent it from drying out.

*The tick does not have to be alive!* NOT ALL BLACKLEGGED TICKS CARRY LYME DISEASE

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