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Increased Ticks in Summer 2017

It's predicted that ticks may prove to be a serious problem in Westchester and Fairfield counties this summer. An increase in the tick population is expected because Winter 2017 was unseasonable mild and with minimal freezing temperatures, more ticks were able to survive and reproduce. In addition, we can expect to see an earlier onset of tick season as temperatures have already begun to rise into the 70s in recent weeks. All this paired with the chatter around Powassan Virus and it's no wonder residents in our area are anxiously looking for safe methods for tick control.

What's Known About Lyme Disease

Westchester and Connecticut residents have long been aware of the threats of Lyme Disease and the importance of tick prevention. Roughly 20% of ticks in our area (1 in 5), carry Lyme Disease, with that percentage increasing as you head further north into New England. If left untreated, within several weeks, Lyme Disease can spread to effect a person's joints, their heart and their nervous system. The good news is that Lyme Disease can be successfully treated if caught within the first month of infection.

Harmful Threat of Powassan Virus

What's very concerning to Westchester and Fairfield County residents this year, is the predicted increase in prevalence of a more rare tick-borne disease called Powassan Virus. While not new (first cases reported in the early 1950's) doctors are anticipating an increase in the coming years. Unlike Lyme Disease, the Powassan Virus has virtually no window for diagnosis and treatment, as it passes from tick to human in as little as 15 minutes. The Powassan Virus is said to quickly attack the central nervous system, cause inflammation of the brain, as well as encephalitis and meningitis. It's reported that 60% of Powassan Virus infections lead to severe disability, with 10% ending in death. For more information on the Powassan Virus visit (CDC.org)

Protect Yourself from Ticks & Mosquitos

While there is still much to learn about the Powassan Virus and it's prevalence in Westchester and Fairfield Counties, it's important to understand what you can do now to prevent tick-borne diseases from affecting you and your family. Take the following steps, with help from the professionals at Emerald Tree & Shrub Care, and enjoy your outdoor space with a little peace of mind this summer.

- Remove any standing water on your property
- Apply Anti-Desiccant and Deer Repellent to your trees and shrubs (Organic Options Available).
- Schedule monthly treatments using an **Organic Tick and Mosquito** spray with Emerald Tree & Shrub Care
- Learn the signs and symptoms associated with all tick-borne diseases (CDC.org)

Call Emerald Tree & Shrub Care

Keep your lawn pest-free and healthy this summer with the help of your friends at Emerald Tree & Shrub Care. To schedule a pest control consultation, please call us at:

- Westchester County Residents: 914-725-0441
- Fairfield County Residents: 203-422-2441

Our Pest Control Services

Emerald Tree & Shrub Care offers a variety of safe pest control programs to ensure your yard is tick and mosquito free and your family healthy. To read more about them, visit our [website](#).

From my backyard to yours,

Steve Farrelly

Owner/Founder, Emerald Tree & Shrub Care Company



About Emerald Tree & Shrub Care Company

Emerald Tree & Shrub Care Company in Scarsdale, NY is Westchester and Fairfield Counties' leading arboriculture services provider, offering expert care to residential and commercial clients since 1996. Founded by ISA Board Certified Master Arborist Steve Farrelly, Emerald and its highly-skilled and accredited team possess exceptional knowledge of the region and its indigenous wildlife. The team's passion has earned it clients like Fordham University and prestigious area golf courses and estates.



Emerald Tree & Shrub Care is offering a FREE lawn analysis to help you start the season right.

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