Ticks in Niagara

The main types in Niagara are the American dog tick and blacklegged tick.

American dog tick

- The most common tick found in Niagara
- Does not carry the bacteria that causes Lyme disease
- About the size of an apple seed and reddish brown in colour
- Usually have white markings or silver-coloured spots
- Active in the spring and summer

Blacklegged tick

- Can carry and transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease
- Needs to be attached for more than 24 hours to transmit bacteria
- Very small and can be hard to see
- Have no white markings on the large part of their bodies
- Active in early spring and fall





Tick Identification Results

To view your tick identification results:

- Visit niagararegion.ca/ticks
- Click Tick Identification Results
- Enter your last name and identification number listed below
 - Click Identify My Tick

It may take up to three business days to identify your tick from the date submitted.

For further information, contact Niagara Region Public Health & Emergency Services
905-688-8248 ext. 7590 or 1-888-505-6074