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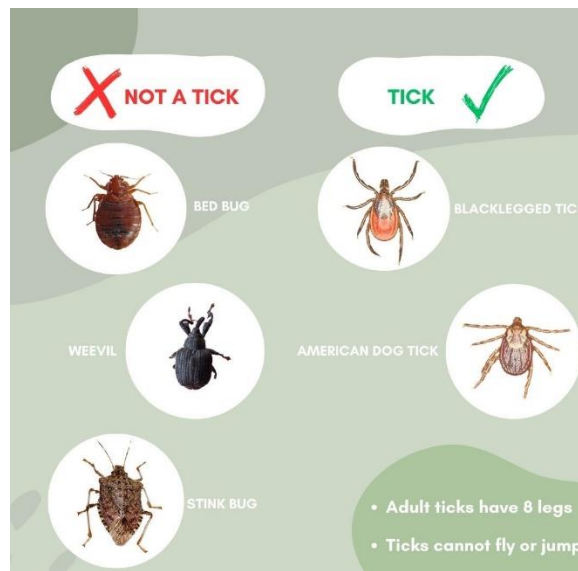
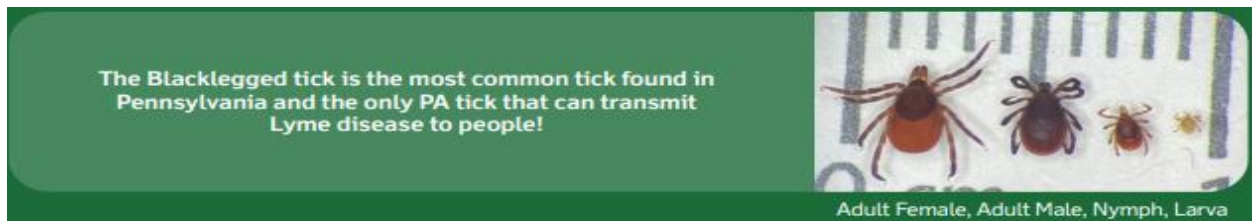
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Ticks CAN Still be Active in the Winter

Tick populations are not generally affected by cold weather. They do the same thing that we do on a day when the temperature drops below 40 degrees, they stay where it is warm. If the temperature outside reaches below 40 degrees, instead of dying as many people believe, ticks travel underground to a location above freezing.

This means that even during the winter, when temperatures are above 40 degrees ticks may be out looking for a meal. Also, a mild winter doesn't mean a higher number of ticks come spring, just like a colder winter doesn't mean we can let our guard down.

When you're outside the old saying, 'better safe than sorry' is a good motto when dealing with ticks. Do tick checks when coming indoors, be quick to action and remove when a tick is found, avoid taller grass and leaf litter when possible, and wear light-colored clothing and permethrin when frequenting areas where ticks may be.



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