

Tick Identification Submission Form

Instructions **Complete Section, Print, and Mail with Tick**

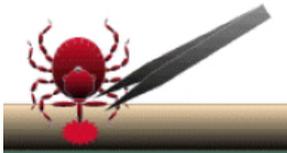
TICK MUST BE DEAD BEFORE SHIPPING

1. Place the tick into a small plastic or metal container (an empty pill bottle is ideal). Close tightly and freeze the tick for at least 24 hours to kill it.
2. Put the container holding the tick into a sealed plastic bag.
3. Place the bag into a **padded** envelope for mailing. Do not use a standard business envelope.
4. Complete this form and mail it with your tick to:

WA Tick Identification
Washington State Department of Health
Environmental Public Health Sciences
PO Box 47825
Olympia, WA 98504-7825

Note: The submitter must pay the shipping cost.

Remove a Tick Promptly and Properly



Grasp the tick close to the skin with tweezers.



Gently pull straight up to remove the tick. Disinfect the bite site.

Date the tick was collected: _____

Description of where the tick was most likely acquired such as address, town, wilderness area, or GPS coordinates. Include county and zip code.

County _____ Zip Code _____

Activity when tick was acquired:

- Hiking Dog Walking Gardening
 Other _____

Tick was found on:

- Human Dog Cat
 Other _____

Was the tick attached? Yes No

If tick was found on a person, what was their age and gender?

Age _____ Gender _____

Travel outside Washington in past two weeks?

No Yes, where? _____

Tick submitted by: _____

Email _____

Note: The submitter will be notified via email of tick identification findings.

More Information

Tick identification is available through the Washington State Department of Health's Public Health Entomologist only. We do not provide testing of the tick for disease pathogens. Identifying the tick species may help a healthcare provider diagnose an illness that could be associated with a tick bite. If a fever, rash, or flu-like illness occurs within a month of a bite, contact your healthcare provider. Let them know you were bitten by a tick and that you submitted the tick for identification. For information about tick-borne disease and prevention, see www.doh.wa.gov/ticks.

Once received, all tick submissions become property of Washington State Department of Health, and will not be returned to the submitter. For questions about this submission form, contact us at 1-877-485-7316 or zd@doh.wa.gov.

Washington State Department of Health Use Only

Tick Local ID Number: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Entered: _____

Identified as: _____ on _____

- ♂ ♀ Nymph Larva

Notification Date: _____

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Illustrated Instructions

▶ Safely remove the tick.



▶ Place tick in a crush-proof container. A plastic pill container is ideal.



▶ Kill the tick by freezing it for at least 24 hours.



▶ Place container into plastic bag and tightly seal.



▶ Place bag with the completed submission form into a padded envelope and mail.



Requirements

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service Domestic Mail Manual, <https://pe.usps.com/DMM300>

Washington State Department of Transportation Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) - Transportation part 173-shippers-general requirements for shipments and packaging, <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Business/Consulting/Regulations.htm>

