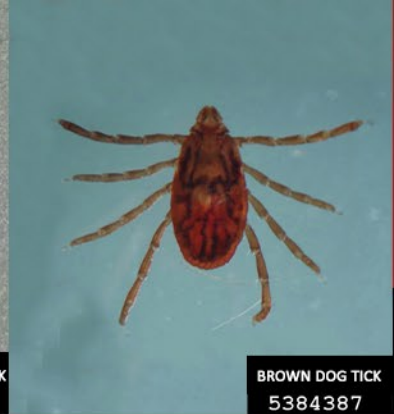


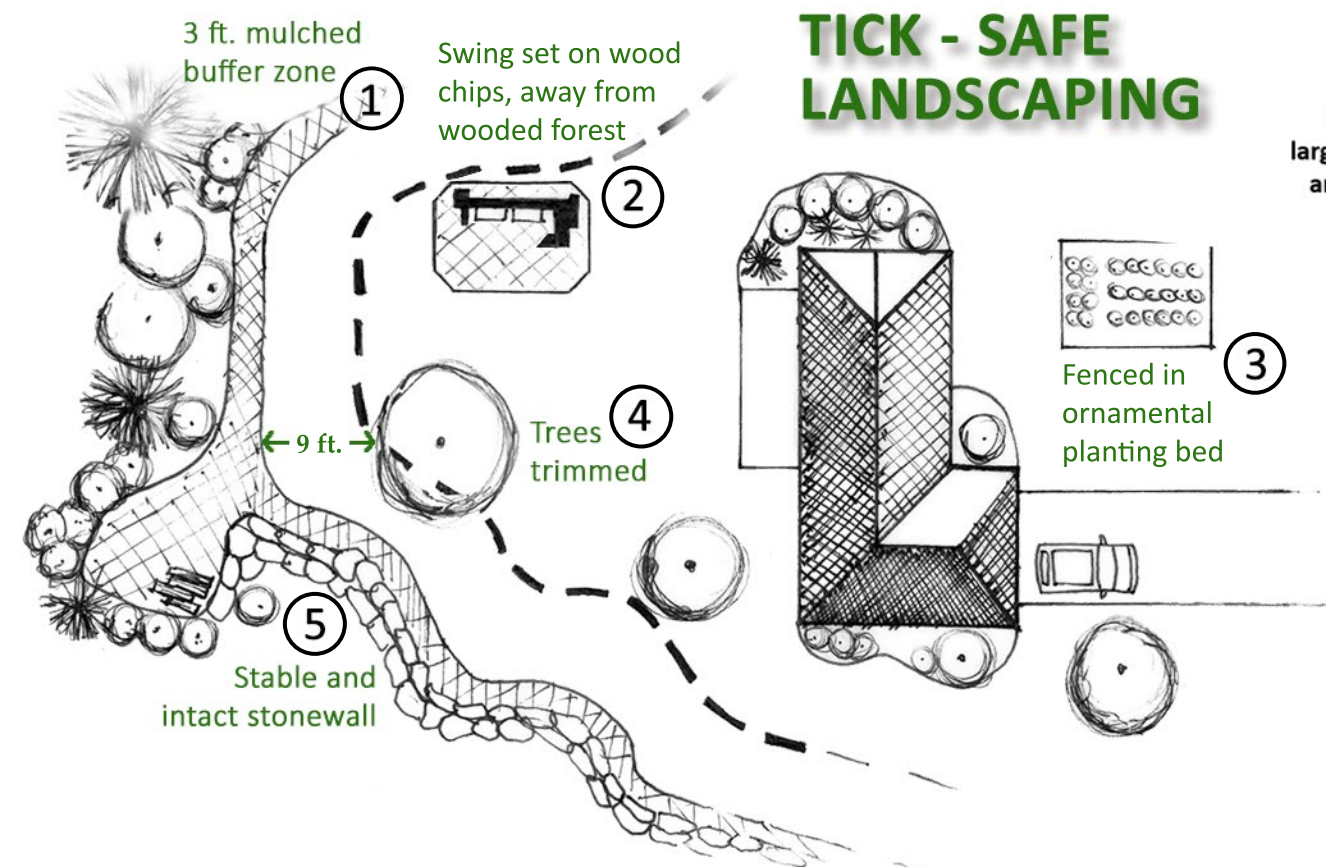
TICKS

Create a Tick Safe Zone

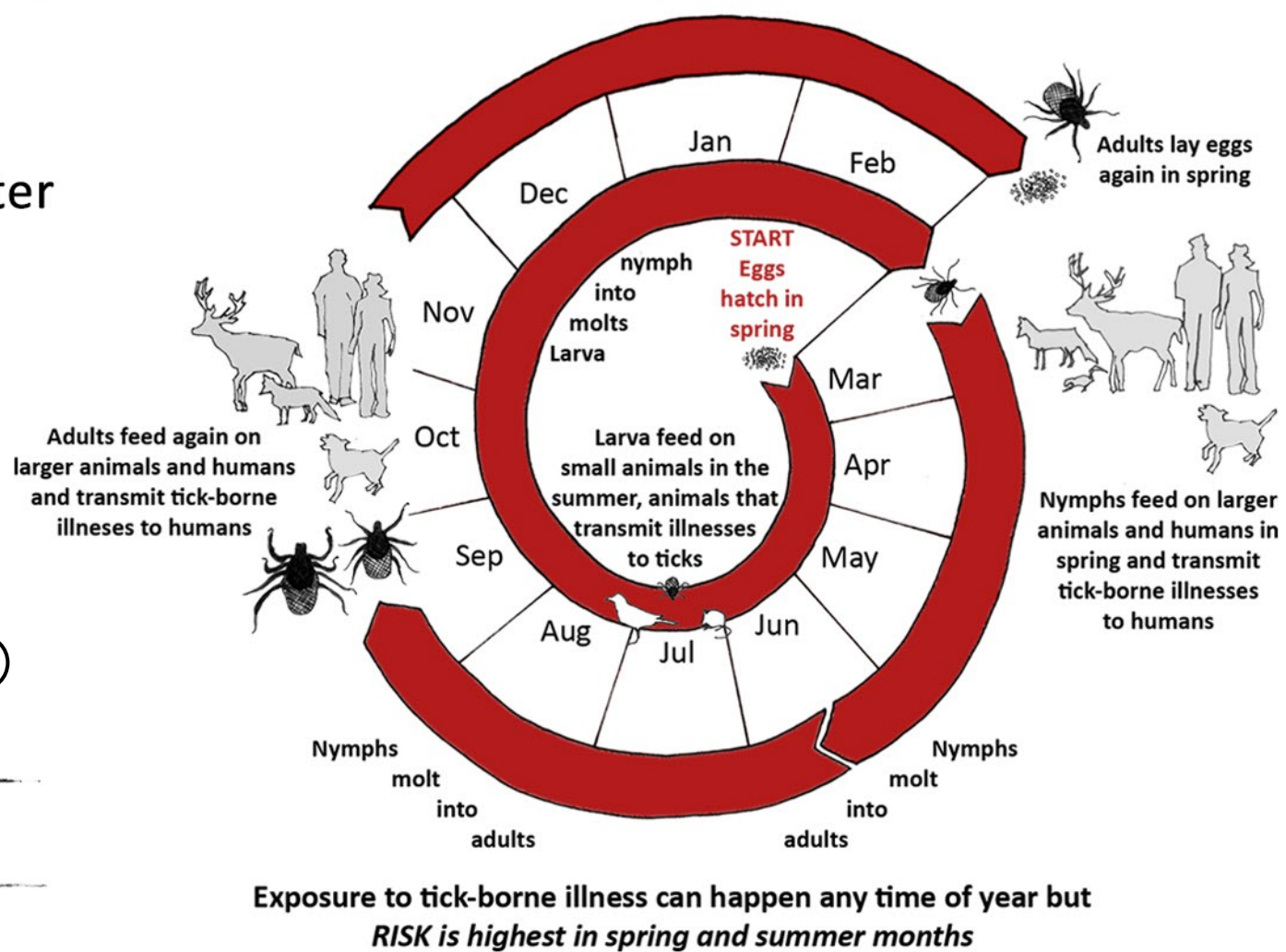


DID YOU KNOW

- Over 80% of ticks are located in the transitional edge between woods and lawn?
- Children ages 5-13 playing outdoors are at greater risk for tick bites and Lyme disease.

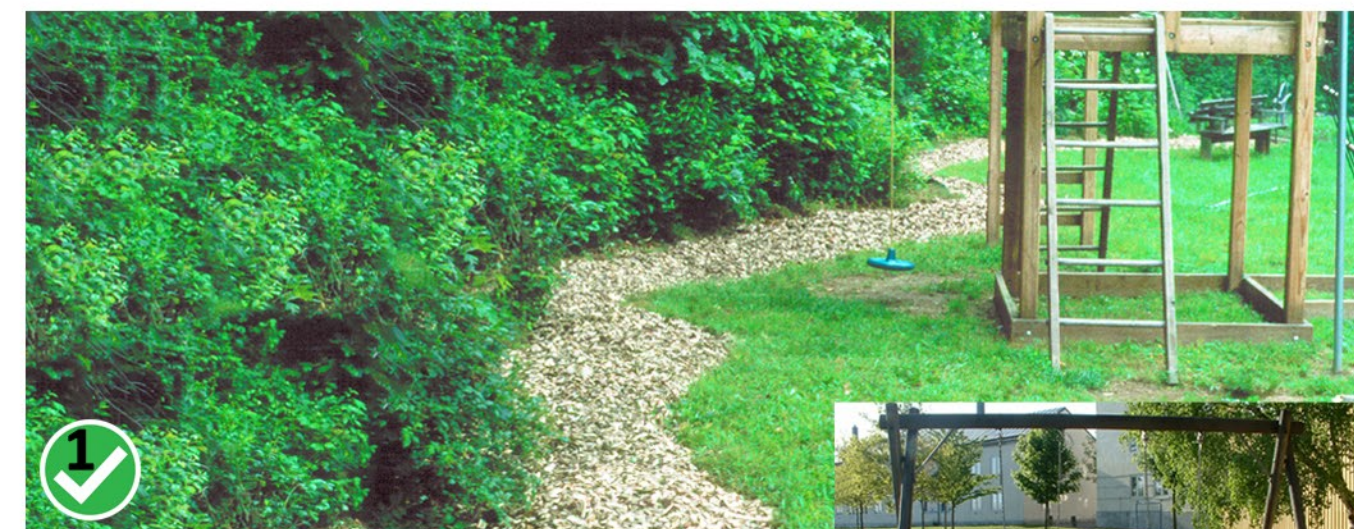


TICK LIFE CYCLE



MINIMIZE INTERACTIONS WITH TICKS

1. Reduce interactions with ticks by creating a 3 foot or greater buffer from wooded edges.
2. Move children's play area away from wooded areas and place on wood chips or sand to reduce exposure to ticks.
3. Fencing off ornamental plant and vegetable beds can reduce interactions with deer transporting ticks.
4. Rodents transmit illnesses to ticks. Clean and seal stonewalls to discourage rodent activity. Doing so will reduce opportunities for rodents to linger.
5. Mulch planting beds around the house and trim branches and shrubs to let in light and air. Avoid creating conditions that ticks favor such as ground covers, leaf litter, and dark and humid spaces (seen in image 5).



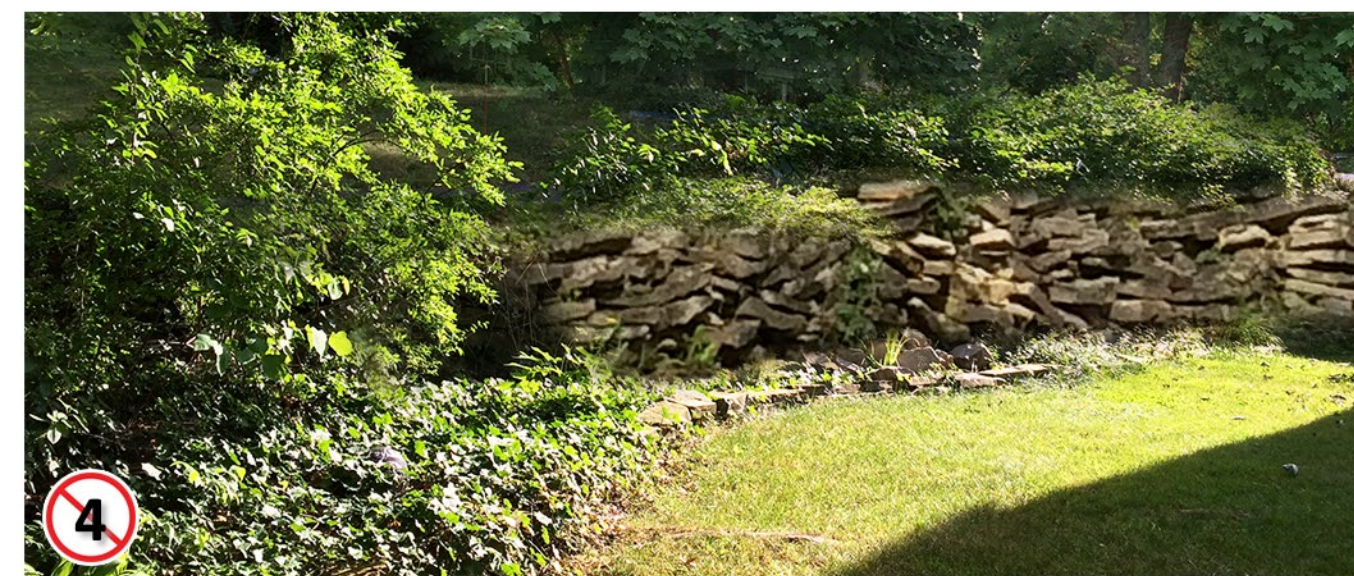
Distance yourself from ticks. Create a 3 foot or greater wood chip or gravel border between wooded edges, stonewall and lawn areas.



Place children's play area on wood chips or sand.



Minimize interaction with deer by fencing off plant and vegetable beds.



AVOID stonewalls with small openings that could harbor rodents.



AVOID creating conditions that ticks favor.