



FLEA & TICK PREVENTION



What a Pied Piper Pest Control Does

Pied Piper Pest Control uses insecticides inside and outside that kill the adult flea population. We also use an Insect Growth Regulator to affect the growth of emerging juvenile fleas, so they'll never mature.

Inside the house, our pest control technicians will use a spray on all carpeted areas, in the floor cracks and crevasses, on furniture, and around your pet's bed.

Outside, our technicians will use an insecticide near the house, along the perimeter of the yard, on the lawn, and in areas frequented by your pet.

FACTS ABOUT FLEAS

When your cat or dog gets fleas, your home gets fleas, too!

Fleas are one of the most bothersome household pests. That's because they bite and can be difficult to eradicate without proper treatment and follow up.

Nearly all flea infestations in homes can be attributed to pets.



Fleas need a blood "host" to reproduce.

When eggs are laid on the animal, they soon drop off and hatch into larvae in a few days. After about two weeks, the larvae spin cocoons and transform into pupae and hatch into biting adult fleas. The cycle then repeats itself.

Because the pupae are often buried deep in the pile of the carpet, you may still have a flea problem even if you see no adult fleas.

FACTS ABOUT TICKS

Ticks are not insects.

It's true! Ticks are not insects, although they are often mistaken for them. Ticks are classified as arachnids, or relatives of spiders, scorpions, and mites. If you look closely at a tick when identifying it, it kind of resembles a spider with its four pairs of legs and lack of antennae.

Ticks are daredevils!



Ticks don't jump or fly. Instead, they crawl up low brush or grass to find a host. Then, they clasp on with their back legs and reach their front legs out to grab onto a passing animal or human. This process is called questing. Sometimes, they even drop from their perch and free fall onto a passing host. Talk about a risky move!

Ticks are dog lovers, too!

Some tick's species, like the American dog tick and brown dog tick, prefer dogs as hosts. Unfortunately, dogs are often easy targets when playing in the yard or going for a walk in wooded area. If you're a pet owner, don't forget to check FIDO frequently for ticks, especially after walks or playtime, and regularly wash bedding and plush toys. If you have an indoor/outdoor cat, be sure to check it regularly for ticks too.

Before Treatment	After Treatment
1. Observe where pets spend time-inside and outside the home	1. All occupants and animals should stay off surfaces until they dry.
2. Take your pets to a veterinarian to be checked and treated for fleas and ticks	2. Vacuum carpets every day for ten days and remove vacuum bag outdoors and dispose properly
3. Vacuum Carpets, floors, rugs, furniture, and wash or destroy pet bedding. Sweep Porches and decks	3. Wash food preparation areas that may have encountered pesticide. Do not let fleas or tick infested pet back into the home
4. Cut lawn and remove debris and clutter from yard	4 Don't forget to have the yard treated!