

# Mason's Island Fire District

## 2025 Tick Control Survey Summary

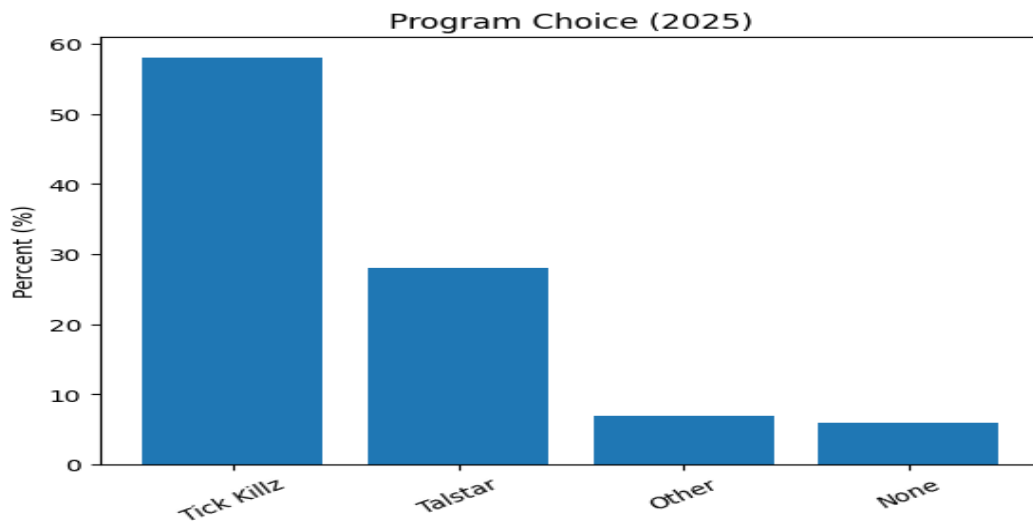
**Participation:** 81 of approximately 200 households responded (~41%).

**Key Message:**

Based on the 2025 survey, the MIFD tick control program was generally effective with a low reported tick-borne infection rate of 4% among respondents and pets combined, consistent with previous years. Most residents saw no clear change in tick activity, some are supplementing with additional treatments, and comments suggest exposure risks in untreated areas such as roadsides and walking paths. Overall, the program is continuing to work for many—but with less than half of households responding, results should be viewed as a general snapshot of resident experience. The 2026 survey, now 10 questions, will be sent to households at the end of the active season in late fall. Please note your tick experience each month between now and then in preparation for the survey.

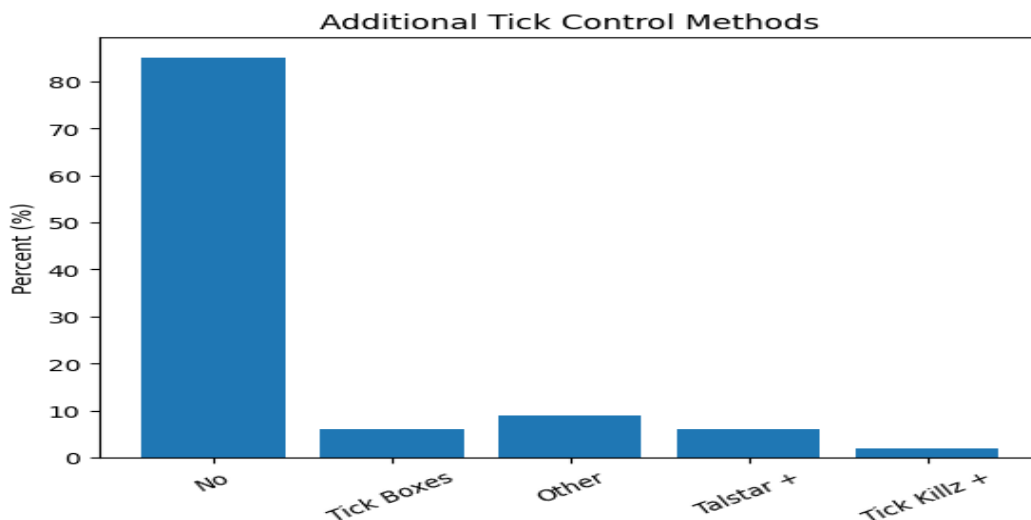
### Question 1: Which MIFD Tick Control Program did you chose for your property in 2025?

Cedarwood oil (58%) was the most selected option, followed by Talstar (28%).



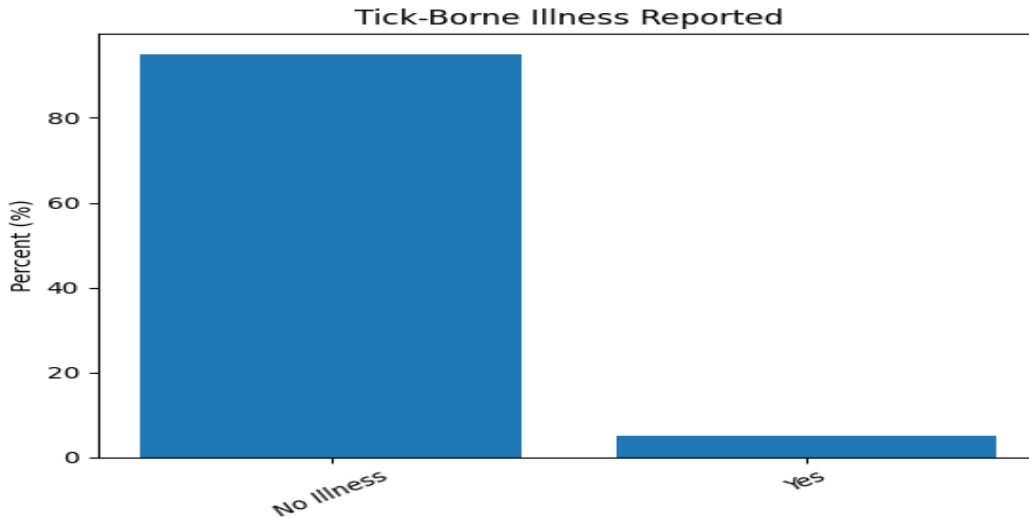
### Question 2: Did you use any independent method of tick control in addition to, or instead of the MIFD Program?

85% relied solely on the MIFD program. A small group used supplemental treatments.



**Question 3: Did you or any of your family members, including your pets, contract any tick-borne diseases during the spring, summer or fall of 2025 here on the island? If so, please describe.**

95% reported no illness; 4% reported cases including Lyme and babesia (2 human, 1 dog).



**Question 4: As compared to previous years, did you notice any more or less tick activity on your property this year?**

Most residents saw no change (48%) or were unsure (35%).

