

# DIY TICK TUBES

Tick tubes are a great way to reduce the tick population in your yard/apiary without spraying insecticides around. These tubes still use insecticides, but in a very isolated manner.

Mice/rodents are typically the first meal of a tick therefore ticks like to lay their eggs in mouse/rodent nests. If these nests are “treated” with insecticides then the tick population is diminished.


## Materials:

- ✓ Toilet paper roll tubes or paper towel roll tubes cut into thirds
- ✓ Dryer lint or cotton balls
- ✓ Permethrin spray or Frontline spray
- ✓ Gloves, mask and goggles
- ✓ Cardboard box

On a dry day take all your supplies outside to a well ventilated area away from your beehives. Wearing gloves, mask and goggles, place dryer lint or cotton in the cardboard box. Spray with permethrin or Frontline spray until wet, not soaking. Toss lint/cotton around and spray again. Allow lint/cotton to dry. Repeat spraying once more and allow to dry. Once dry, and still wearing safety gear, lightly stuff toilet/paper towel tubes with lint/cotton leaving a space at each end to keep lint/cotton dry when outside in the elements.

## Placement:

- Brush, leaf and wood piles
- Wooded area bordering the property
- Garages and sheds
- Under the porch

 Do NOT place in gardens or flower beds

\*\*\* Make sure to tuck tick tubes into these areas so birds aren't grabbing the lint/cotton for their nests\*\*\*

\*\*\* Permethrin is toxic to cats, if using this product please don't put in areas that cats may frequent \*\*\*

No time to make your own? You can purchase them at [ticktubes.com](http://ticktubes.com)