

PERMETHRIN



WHAT IS PERMETHRIN?

- EPA-registered insecticide that kills ticks on contact
- Odorless, invisible, and will not harm clothing
- Lasts through multiple washings

WHAT CAN BE TREATED?

- Pants
- Socks
- Shoes
- Shirts
- Hats
- Bandanas
- Jackets
- Tents
- Camping gear

IS PERMETHRIN SAFE?

- Permethrin is safe for people (even kids) when used according to product label instructions, but is harmful to bees and fish.
- Do not spray clothing/gear near flowers or water sources.
- Do not allow cats near treated clothing until it has fully dried.

WHERE CAN I GET PERMETHRIN?

- Purchase from outdoor stores, hardware stores, online retailers.
- Spray your own clothing/gear or buy pre-treated items.
- Brand names include Sawyer (yellow bottle), Repel, Insect Shield.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Read label and follow instructions.
- **Do not apply permethrin to skin.**
- Do not apply permethrin to clothing or shoes while being worn.
- Wear gloves while applying permethrin/handling damp clothing.

For more information on tick prevention visit fightthebite.nj.gov or scan. 

Adapted from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [URI Tick Encounter Resource Center](#), and [Town of Concord, MA](#).

