

Horticulture Diagnostic Laboratory



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Tick Identification

The Horticulture Diagnostic lab can identify ticks only. We cannot test the tick for disease.

Why identify the tick? Different ticks may vector for different diseases. Some lifecycle stages of ticks do not vector for any disease at all.

For an \$11.00 lab fee we can tell you:

- The species of tick
- The life stage
- If the tick had been feeding or not
- The condition of the hypostome (the part of the tick that is inserted into the skin, which if broken off, may still be in the skin and could potentially cause localized infection)
- Provide you with information regarding what sort of diseases your particular tick *could* carry, symptoms of the various diseases, and general timeframe as to when symptoms would occur following a tick bite.

Patients and physicians may use this information to determine a course of action.

EAST END LOCATION

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Extension Education Center
423 Griffing Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901

Please call for more information:

631-727-4126 9am-12 noon

You may mail in samples or drop off samples at any time at this location.

Drop box checked Monday through Friday

WEST END LOCATION

Cornell Cooperative Extension
Bayard Cutting Arboretum
Montauk Highway, Great River, NY 11739

Please call:

631-727-4126 9am – 12pm

Drop off samples Tuesday - Sunday.

Drop box checked Thursdays and Fridays

Our tick identification submission form can be found on our website:

<http://ccesuffolk.org/gardening/horticulture-diagnostic-labs> or they are provided to you in the office.