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TICK CONTROL INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

Ticks belong to the arachnid family and adult ticks have eight legs. There are soft and hard-bodied ticks. Ticks are blood-feeders that attach themselves to a host and suck blood. Ticks feed on mammals, birds and reptiles. There are approximately 80 species of ticks that occur in the United States. The brown dog tick and American dog tick are hard-bodied ticks that are significant pests to pets such as dogs and cats, and can establish themselves as nuisances in and around structures with dense vegetation and landscaping. Hard ticks require a blood meal to progress to each stage of their development. Developmental stages include: egg, larvae, nymph, adult.

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR TICK SERVICE

For your protection, Ameriguard requires all tick services to comply with our client preparation checklist before the tick treatment can begin. We recommend vacuuming thoroughly and disposing of your vacuum bag, picking up all toys and objects on the floors and moving all furniture away from the walls. Upon arrival, your tick technician will verify completion of the preparation checklist. *Failure to complete the steps listed in the preparation checklist may delay treatment and potentially void any guarantees on our tick service.*

1. Pick up all items from the floor (toys, objects, shoes, clothing, etc.)
2. Pull away easy-to-move furniture from the wall approximately 12 inches.
3. Seal aquariums with plastic halfway down the glass and keep the filters unplugged for a six (6) hour period.
4. Remove all items and objects in all of the closets off of the floor.
5. Ensure all open food items are put away.
6. Vacuum all carpeted areas thoroughly and empty and either dispose or replace vacuum cleaner bag.
7. Ensure that all windows are closed prior to technician arriving for your treatment.
8. People and pets may re-enter treated areas 3-4 hours after treatment time.
9. All pets should be on tick control medication or treated for ticks at time of service before re-entry. Without eliminating ticks where they start, your pets will continue to re-infest your home.

Note: Persons with pregnancy, ailing health and infants under one (1) year old should consult a physician prior to service. In the event you are unable to contact a physician, AmeriGuard Pest Defense recommends a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours before re-entering.

HOMEOWNER'S FOLLOW-UP

1. Upon returning to the premises, open windows to air out residence.
2. Remove plastic from aquariums and plug filter back in.
3. Vacuum carpet thoroughly the following day to remove egg sacs from carpet.
4. **Your follow-up fogging service will be scheduled 7-10 days after your initial service. All of the same rules of re-entry will apply to the second follow-up service.**

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____