

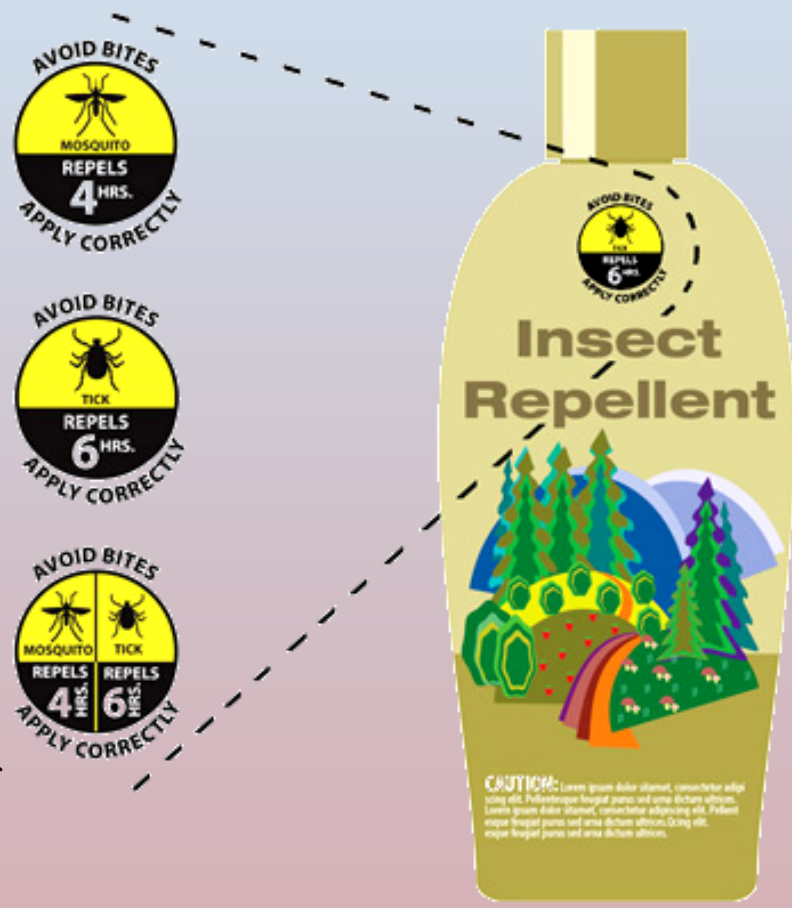


CHOOSING THE RIGHT INSECT REPELLENT

With tick and mosquito season upon us, it is common for many of us to reach for a skin-applied insect repellent. Skin-applied insect repellents have been proven to be effective, but selecting the right one is important. Beginning early next year, you may notice that product labeling on some skin-applied insect repellents contain a new graphic.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is allowing companies to apply for permission to include a new repellency awareness graphic on product labels of skin-applied insect repellents. This graphic is intended to help consumers easily identify the repellency time for mosquitoes and ticks. Use of the graphic by manufacturers is voluntary. The EPA reviews products submitted by manufacturers that apply to use the graphic to ensure that their scientific data meet current testing protocols and standard evaluation practices. The labeling of a skin-applied insect repellent that does not contain the graphic may not allow for easily identifying the insects repelled by the product and the amount of time the product will repel insects.

Due to their public health importance, ticks and mosquitoes are the only two pest groups featured in the new graphic.



You may see one of three versions of the graphic on a product label showing mosquitoes, ticks, or mosquitoes and ticks are repelled.

When out at night or in areas where ticks and mosquitoes are an issue, protect yourself!



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