



Land use Environmental Concerns

Greetings from the Mississauga First Nation Bylaw Services.

On Mississauga lands it is our collective duty as First Nation peoples to protect and honor the natural beauty of the lands within our borders; the health of animals, birds, reptiles and fish

Due to the natural beauty of the Mississauga First Nation lands, unsightly messes stick out like a sore thumb. The following are a few instances of such messes (bylaw services) has come across in travelling our near pristine lands.

River Rd Fuel wood yard – (Abandoned) Refrigerator

Please deposit your broken refrigerator or freezers at the transfer station where they can be properly disposed of. The Cooling Agent in all freezer and refrigerators (FREON) is toxic to our environment and needs to be properly disposed of in order to ensure the NON release of the CFC greenhouse gases that contribute greatly to the loss of our Mother Earths OZONE. Please take more care in how these appliances are disposed of.

The times for the transfer station operations Are as follows:

(Mon: 8am – 6pm)

(Weds: 8am- 6pm)

(Sat: 9am – 3pm)

Transfer Station Maintenance and Garbage drop off.

Improper waste management practices have a tendency to invite unwanted visitors into our community. I am referring to our clan relative the Makwa (Black Bears). These visitors can cause damage to property, create stressful situations for your neighbors and their children, and will develop habits in the bears that are difficult to manage in a community with large green spaces such as ours. These habits place the bears at risk for death, injury, or illness. In order to lessen the stress on our community members, their children and properties, as well as provide the Makwa with the respect it deserves, we need to ensure that we utilize the wonderful waste management system we have in place at the transfer station.

Proper waste management practice Includes:

- 1. Keeping garbage and recycling indoors until it can be properly disposed of at our transfer station.**
- 2.Ensure the Garbage is properly disposed of INSIDE the bin.**
- 3.Picking Berries in your living spaces and minimizing food attractants on your properties.**

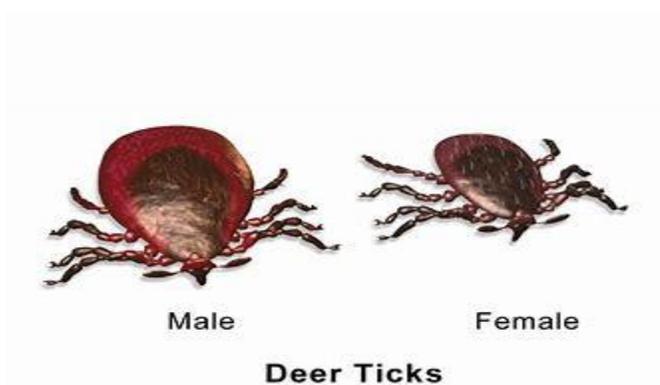
Example. (clean BBQ, remove outdoor bird seed feeders, proper fuel can storage, cutting grass

Fleas and Ticks Information

Due to the extended periods of very dry heat, and an abundance of spring showers, the blood sucking insects and pests seem to be thriving. Learning to live with them can be difficult when throughout the spring, summer, fall months our persons are constantly under their attack, but to further the complications of that? we have our little (2 and 4 legged) loved ones to watch out for as well.

Common Ticks for this area

Wood Tick



Deer Ticks

BLACK LEGS Red and Black body

Most tick bites are relatively harmless when it comes to microbe transfer. However, it is important to protect yourself and your loved ones from these infections however slight the chance is.

Safety Tips

After any excursions into the wilderness it is imperative that you check yourself and your pets to make sure you are not being fed on. These ticks can bite you, engorge themselves under your skin to access your blood flow without your knowledge. They excrete an anti-coagulant that hinders healing and a local anaesthetic that hinders pain.

Prevention

Veterinarians have many over the counter/prescription strength options to choose from when it comes to these parasites latching onto your pets. Some of these medications which function internally and can last up to 3 months at a time like (Trifexis, Advantix), which enter the dog's bloodstream making the blood toxic to fleas and ticks and other blood sucking parasites. While other soaps or shampoos can last up to a week for effective use. Purchasing medications online can also be an effective way to get the medications but due to various allergies some dogs have? An allergic reaction to the medication could further complicate the health and well being of your pet. The cost effectiveness of each option would depend on your individual needs and it is best that you discuss these options with your veterinarian.

Removal

DONT

When removing an engorged tick from under your skin or that of your dog, you must take care as to how you go about doing it. **Squeezing, twisting and pulling is NOT recommended!!!** As the head then separates from the body of the tick releasing microbes from its blood stream, directly into your bloodstream or that of your pet. This is how conditions like Lime disease and Rocky mountain spotted fever come about.

DO

Best way to remove a tick is with a special can opener like tool that allows the tick to withdraw from your skin in a way that won't bring you harm. **Or by grabbing a hold of the head with tweezers and coaxing the head back into its own body before removing. Then place the tick in a glass of bleach or rubbing alcohol before disposing of it.** Clean the area of the bite thoroughly after the tick is removed.



DO NOT GRAB THE BELLY OF TICK DO NOT TWIST IT SQUEEZE IT OR YANK ON IT FAST. ANY MOVEMENT LIKE THIS WILL CAUSE IT TO REGURGITATE IT'S CONTAMINATED GUTS INTO YOUR BLOOD GENTLY USE SHARP POINT TWEEZERS CLOSE TO SKIN AND SLOWLY GENTLY PULL STRAIGHT UP AND OUT THEN CLEAN WOUND

Should you need further assistance? have questions or concerns involving fleas and ticks? an assessment of your dog's overall health? or behaviors? Don't hesitate to call. There is free dog training/care available for all Mississauga FN Band members who need it.

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