Common California Ticks

Western Blacklegged Tick  
*Ixodes pacificus*

Pacific Coast Tick  
*Dermacentor occidentalis*

Brown Dog Tick  
*Rhipicephalus sanguineus*

American Dog Tick  
*Dermacentor variabilis*

Ticks are often found in natural areas with grasses, shrubs, logs, or fallen leaves. The brown dog tick can be found in or around the home and in dog kennels.
Ticks in California can transmit disease.

*Ixodes pacificus* ► Lyme disease, anaplasmosis.
*Rhipicephalus* and *Dermacentor* ► spotted fever.
*Dermacentor* ► tularemia.

Prompt removal of ticks can help prevent disease transmission!

To properly remove a tick:

- Use tweezers to grab the tick as close to your skin as possible
- Pull the tick firmly, straight out, away from the skin (do not jerk, twist, or burn the tick)
- Wash your hands and the bite site with soap and water after the tick is removed and apply an antiseptic to the bite site
- See your doctor if you develop a rash or flu-like symptoms within 30 days after a tick bite

For more information: www.cdph.ca.gov
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