

# How to Get Rid of Fleas in Backyard - Quick Checklist

## ?? Identify the Infestation

- ? Watch for scratching pets
- ? Look for flea dirt (black specks)
- ? Try the white sock test
- ? Inspect shaded or moist areas

## ?? Natural Solutions

- ? Diatomaceous Earth: Apply to shaded spots, leave 48 hrs, reapply weekly
- ? Beneficial Nematodes: Apply in the evening monthly
- ? Cedar Chips: Spread around pet areas

## ?? Pet-Safe Chemicals

- ? Fipronil/Imidacloprid Spray: Apply to dry lawn
- ? IGRs: Stop flea development; spray every 2-3 weeks

## ?? Yard Maintenance

- ? Mow weekly, trim shrubs
- ? Remove debris, leaf piles
- ? Fix drainage issues

## ?? Pet and Wildlife Control

- ? Bathe pets weekly, use monthly flea preventatives
- ? Install fences, avoid feeding wildlife
- ? Use motion-activated sprinklers

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### **?? Monthly Monitoring**

- ? Inspect yard monthly from spring to fall
- ? Look for flea reappearance after rains