



Fly Prevention and Control

Domestic flies are a nuisance and can contaminate food and spread disease

Prevent flies by removing the source. Check these fly breeding areas:



Fruit Trees:

- Pick up rotting fruit from the ground
- Seal them in a bag and place in your garbage or place unbagged in compost



Pet Droppings:

- Remove dog/cat droppings from yard daily
- Clean outside bird cages regularly



Compost Piles:

- Turn compost piles often
- If compost pile doesn't reach 120° F then cover with a plastic tarp
- Use an enclosed compost bin



Garbage cans:

- Line garbage cans with plastic liners
- Rinse out weekly
- Use only garbage cans with tight fitting lids



Grass Clippings:

- Grass clippings should be discarded weekly or placed in compost
- Clippings should never be left in piles



Manure Fertilizer:

- When using fresh fertilizer, compost to stabilize prior to use.
- Spread thin and mix into the soil immediately



Drains :

- Use a bottle brush to remove scum from the inside of pipes

Control Methods



Fly Paper and Sticky Traps:

- Will reduce fly problem
- Will not permanently solve the problem

Exclude flies by keeping doors and screens free of holes

Chemical control is only temporary. It is the least effective control method and can be expensive.

If you are having problems with flies, call Vector Control for a free inspection.



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