



TIPS FOR PREVENTING FLIES

EnviroSMART uses Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to control flies. IPM relies on several pest control methods including sanitation, nonchemical and chemical solutions.

The first step is through inspection and sanitation. Resident cooperation is key and includes the following items:

FLIES (House flies, fruit flies, & blow flies)

- The key to elimination is finding what the fly is laying its eggs in and eliminating it.
- Fruit flies or what are mistakenly called gnats will usually nest in dirty garbage disposals, soda, wine, or beer cans in recycling bins, rotting fruit or vegetables, or slime or sludge as you might find in a stagnant aquarium or dirty sink. Dishes should be washed daily, trash removed regularly and the above areas inspected and cleaned as needed.
- House flies usually nest in feces and are a result of pet waste not being properly disposed of, an uncleaned litter box, or rotting garbage. Finding the source and removing it is the solution to the problem.
- Blow flies (also known as bottle flies or flesh flies) generally lay their eggs in rotting meat. An infestation of these is generally indicative of a dead animal in the vicinity or of rotting meat in the garbage or an appliance that has stopped working. As above, inspection and removal of nesting material is the solution to the problem.
- DO NOT APPLY SPRAYS OR "BOMBS" TO CONTROL FLIES OR PANTRY PESTS.

We utilize several IPM methods to control flies including monitoring activity with glue traps, insect growth regulators, aerosol baits, and flushing agents. Do it yourself pest control such as sprays or "bombs" should NOT be used as these store-bought products are counterproductive to our IPM products, and can move activity to different areas of the unit or building. What to expect:

- Initially after the nesting source is located within 48-72 hours you will see a significant reduction if not elimination of adult flies.
- Elimination time could vary if a nesting source is missed during your initial inspection.