

Eliminating the House Fly in 9 Steps

Housefly elimination is accomplished through good integrated pest management (IPM) procedures.

The following steps will rid your home of house flies:

Locate and eliminate all possible breeding sites.

Remove trash receptacles from areas that are close to buildings.

Dispose of all moist garbage, rotting vegetation and animal waste in bags. Then place bags into proper receptacles.

Clean dumpsters and garbage containers as often as is possible. All dumpsters need tight fitting lids and should be emptied in a timely manner.

Seal all possible entry points.

Spray surfaces around windows and doors where flies are seen resting or trying to enter structures. Use surface spray on lids and sides of dumpsters and other outdoor garbage containers.

If necessary, use space sprays and pheromone traps indoors to reduce the population of adult house flies.

Bait should be placed on or in dumpsters on a regular basis, during fly season. These should be reapplied after cleaning or rainfall.

Need to Report a Fly Nuisance?

1. Call the Department of Environmental Health at 949-6696.
2. Please provide the following information:
 - Details about the nature of the complaint;
 - Name & contact details;
 - Physical address where complaint has taken place;
 - The name of owner (s) of property where complaint has taken place;
 - Indicate whether there are pets on the premises;
 - Indicate whether someone will be on the premises at the time of the visit.

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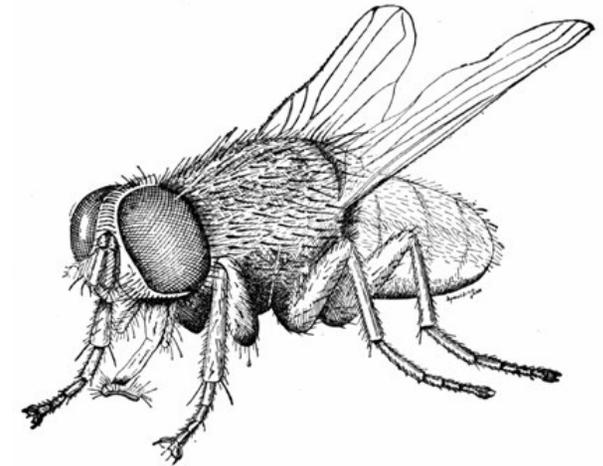
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The House Fly

A Common Pest



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The Common House Fly (Biology & Identification)

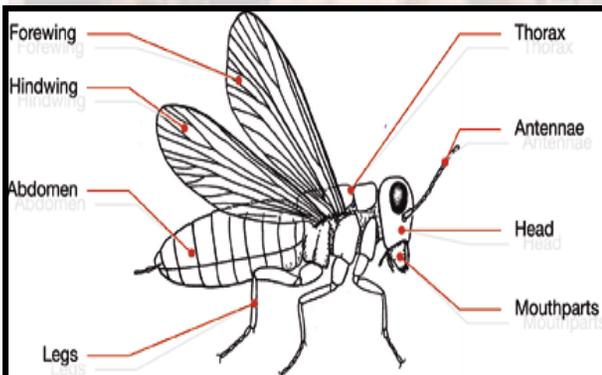
The common house fly is medium sized (1/6 to 1/4 inch long,) generally gray in color with the female usually being larger than the male.

The thorax bears four narrow black stripes. The female fly has a much wider space between the eyes than the male.

You will find house flies almost everywhere where there are humans or animals.

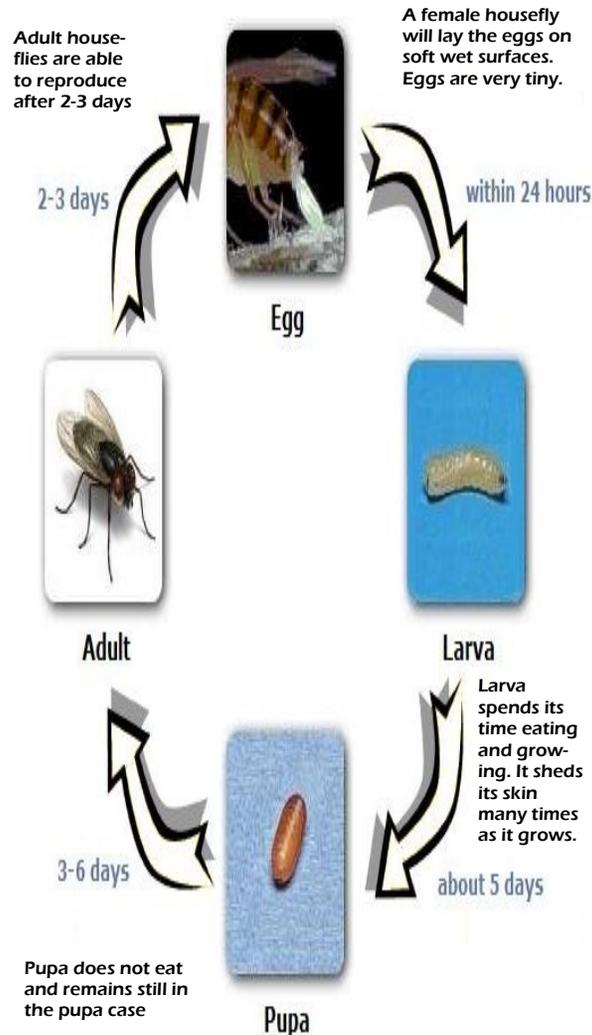
Flies gravitate towards garbage, manure and anything else that is left outside of the refrigerator for extended periods of time.

House flies don't feed off of human flesh. Instead they get their nutrients from ejecting saliva on their food. This liquefies it so they can extract it with their sponge-like mouths.



The Life Cycle of the House Fly

A housefly's life cycle is divided into four stages: egg-larva-pupa-adult. At each stage, the housefly's appearance changes completely.



House Fly Facts

- House flies can travel up to six miles in 24 hours, but they usually prefer to stay close to their breeding ground.
- The easiest way to keep flies out of your home is to keep things clean. Don't leave food lying around, make sure you take out the garbage on a regular basis and clean spills right away.
- Fly infestations are often found on farms because it is hard to keep them from breeding in readily available manure.
- House flies like to perch on things like wire or string.
- Fly numbers can increase/decrease at different times of the year.

INSPECT THESE
AREAS FOR HOUSE
FLIES

In and around trash cans, fresh manure, rotting fruit and vegetation and damp garbage.

Look out for cracks around windows, doors and vents as flies can enter structures through these openings.