

# FLY FACTS



Flies are more than an annoyance, they are proven vectors of disease. A targeted fly control program can be vital to protect your business.



## LIFECYCLE OF A FLY

EACH FEMALE FLY CAN LAY 900 EGGS IN THEIR LIFE.

### 1 : Eggs

Female flies lay their eggs in decaying organic debris including exposed foods, garbage, animals, feces, etc.

### 2 : Larvae

Within 48 hours, eggs hatch into larvae, commonly called maggots. The larvae feed on the waste they are born in.



A fly can complete its lifecycle from egg to adult in just 10 days at temps around 86°F (30°C). Many species of adult flies thrive in temps from 75° - 85°F (24 - 29°C).

### 4 : Adults

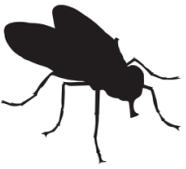
Adult flies emerge from the pupal case in a few days to a few weeks based on temperature and humidity. Adult flies typically live 3 - 4 weeks.

### 3 : Pupae

Larvae turn into pupae in 4-7 days. They then tunnel into the waste and form a hard case around themselves to continue developing.

## FLIES LIVE TO EAT

HOW THEY DO IT IS GROSS



Flies have two main goals in life. Finding food and reproducing. Depending on species, flies can feed on many different sources.

Adult flies can't chew food. They have a straw-like mouthpart called a proboscis to slurp or absorb food.

To consume solid food, they regurgitate saliva with special enzymes onto it that help break it down to a liquid.



PLANTS AND NECTAR



SUGARY SUBSTANCES



HUMAN FOODS



FECES & SEWAGE



LIQUIDS



DECAYING ORGANIC MATTER



GARBAGE

## KEEP FLIES AWAY

FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT STEPS

### BLOCK THEM FROM ENTERING

- Keep all windows and doors closed or use screens or air curtains when open.
- Ask about exclusion services to seal gaps around doors, windows, pipes, etc.

### REMOVE THEIR HABITAT

- Empty garbage cans daily. Seal bags tightly before placing in dumpster.
- Empty, clean and replace dumpsters as needed. Wash down dumpster pads.

### BAIT AND TRAP THEM

- Ask about an exterior baiting program to help reduce flies outside your facility.
- Have our experts install insect light traps your highest activity areas.



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