



FLIES

Your pest management technician will apply spray to surfaces where flies are likely to rest. The residual life of most sprays for fly management is up to three months. Your technician may also place lures or other forms of fly management at your property.

Flies rest both overnight and during the day, some flies only become active when the temperature reaches 12°C. Homeowners can increase the benefit of the pest management treatments for flies by removing

- odours that attract flies such as compost bins and some fertilisers.
- places where flies harbour by maintaining well mown lawns and pruning tree branches that are less than one metre from the ground.

Also, it is important to cover food, especially outside.

The adult fly is the readily visible part of the life cycle. The adult fly lays eggs in batches of 120-150. These hatch out as maggots and develop into a resting stage or pupa. These are red to black in colour and similar in shape but a little bigger than a grain of rice. The adult flies may emerge about a week (normally 8 – 14 days) after the eggs are laid. Most fly problems occur from November through to March because of warmer weather.

The most effective reduction of fly numbers is a combination of physical barriers, reducing attraction and application of residual sprays where flies land and congregate, outside under the eaves and in vegetation and inside the building on walls. Lures (smelly) may be used outside if there are areas where flies congregate in numbers (e.g., Around rubbish bins). Sticky traps, fly bait in stations and fly light traps may also be recommended.

When flies land on treated surfaces it takes a while before the chemical enters their body and acts on the target site to kill them. In the meantime, it is possible that other flies may enter the building. The delay in kill time and entry of new flies may cause some people to incorrectly think the products are not working. This is due to increased temperatures and weather condition usually when it is warmer above 22-24 degrees Celsius or higher. There is no way to eliminate all the flies from your house as food smells, organic matter, baby smells and especially dog smells increase the attracting odours for flies.