



## **Fact File - Flies**

There are four species of flies that are typically found in New Zealand (1) the Common House Fly, (2) the Lesser House Fly, (3) the Cluster Fly, and (4) the Blow Fly.

These flies have a life cycle that travels from egg, larva, pupae, and then adult. During the winter months flies tend to go to sleep. However, when the temperature and humidity rises they awaken to be an annoying little pest that carries bacteria, pathogens and disease.

Flies are generally found in organic matter, decaying vegetation, animal excrement, and stagnant water. Odours, such as cooking, can attract flies up to 50 metres from their breeding site. If the wind is right, they can travel several kilometres.

### **How we treat flies**

No treatment will stop flies from coming inside. Flies rely on air currents and smell. If windows and doors are open and cooking is in progress then flies will move in.

All flies require a similar pest control treatment. An external pesticide surface treatment is applied in areas where flies typically land such as entry points (e.g. doors and window frames). A surface treatment is also applied inside on walls, ceiling, window sills and door frames, particularly in problem areas.

The treatment works on residual contact. The insect has to absorb the pesticide by crawling over, or landing on, the product. The pesticide then kills the insect by affecting the nervous system.

In some situations, a low pressure automated aerosol unit can also be set up so flies fly through the mist. Aerosols are useful in the control of cluster flies as they are less likely to land on the product.

Fly traps are available for outside use. Through smell, the trap attracts the flies to a container that then traps them.

Flying insect light traps are available for both outside and inside use. They work with ultra violet light, which attracts flying insects into the unit. The unit has a sticky board and traps the insect. The sticky boards have to be replaced once a month and the unit requires a power point.



## Pre and Post Treatment Guide

It is important that your technician has easy and safe access to all entry points such as doorways, windows and skirting boards – these are the key areas for treatment. Before your technician arrives please make sure you:

- Cover beds, bed linen and pillows
- Clear any items from window sills and the floor (including from under beds and other furniture)
- Put personal items (e.g. clothing, toys) in cupboards or on a bed with a cover sheet
- Put personal toiletries (e.g. toothbrush, towels, toilet paper) in cupboards or cover them
- Put food and crockery away in cupboards (store food in airtight containers)
- Clean behind and under your whiteware appliances e.g. fridge, dishwasher and oven
- Wash walls and skirting boards.

Cleaning may remove the residual product leaving the treatment ineffective. We recommend that wash walls and skirting boards and water blast the outside of your property several days before the treatment.

### Do you have pets?

You must notify our office if there are pets on your property. If you have an 'inside' pet you must make alternative arrangements for your animal during the treatment and for at least four hours after the treatment. Reptile or fish tanks must be covered with oxygen supplies turned off.

### After your pest control treatment

- Do not enter the property for at least three hours after your pest control treatment
- Wipe down food preparation areas (but not walls)
- Wash any bedding/covers that were left out
- Do not touch any installed traps or bait
- Do not wash the product off surfaces.

### For to prevent further infestations

There is no such thing as an invisible barrier to stop pests from coming inside. We view pest control as a partnership between our qualified technicians and you, the property owner/tenant. Good sanitation and hygiene, together with an effective pest control programme can reduce infestation.

We also recommend that you:

- Clean your kitchen and food preparation areas every day
- Remove rubbish and food scraps every day – dispose of in sealed bags
- Clean behind the fridge and oven to prevent pests from breeding (at least every 1-3 months)
- Regularly clean kitchen cupboards that are used to store food (at least every 1-2 months)
- Always keep food stored in air tight containers (e.g. flour, rice, spices, pasta, fruit and vegetables)
- Clean pet food bowls after every use

### Our products

We offer a 100% guarantee on the professional service and application of our products. We use commercial pest control products that are approved by New Zealand's [Environmental Protection Agency](#). These products are designed to break down over a six to eight week period. The product has a manufacturer's guarantee of up to three months. To remain effective, the product must not be removed for the recommended life of the treatment (12 weeks). New Zealand has harsh UV light that may cause the product to break down earlier. More than one treatment may be required for ongoing control over the summer months.

**Your treatment has a set timeframe for effectiveness. If you have any questions or concerns within four weeks of your treatment date please contact us on T: 0800TOAJET | E [info@ajetservices.co.nz](mailto:info@ajetservices.co.nz).**