

Simple Guidelines for Residents

Why It Matters: Flies may spread germs by flying from dirty places to clean ones. Keeping flies under control helps protect you and your household, and improve comfort in and around your home.

How to Reduce Flies at Home

Most fly problems can be reduced through simple sanitation actions and eliminating moisture sources, as outlined below.



Manage Your Trash

Keep trash can lids closed. Rinse or wipe bins if they become sticky or soiled.



Manage Outdoor Fruit

Pick up fallen fruit and remove any rotting fruit often.



Keep Pet Areas Clean and Dry

Scoop and dispose of waste daily. Rinse any leftover residue.



Protect Food Indoors

Store fruit in the refrigerator or sealed containers. Don't leave ripe produce on counters. Wipe up spills, especially sticky or sugary ones, right away.



Keep Flies Out

Repair torn window screens. Install or fix door sweeps to reduce gaps that allow flies to enter.

Treatment If Flies Are Already Present

If prevention is not enough, you can use traps or contact local exterminators or pest control company.



Indoor/Outdoor Traps

Use disposable fly attractant traps or plug-in indoor traps to reduce existing flies.



Local Pest Control

For heavy infestation or breeding sites you cannot reach, contact a local pest control company for assistance.



Report a Problem

If you see animal waste, trash issues, or other conditions that may cause fly breeding, contact our Customer Support Center at **(888) 700-9995**, or online at: ph.lacounty.gov/EH-Complaint

Common Problem Flies



House & Livestock Flies

Attracted to manure, wet bedding, and spilled food



Phorid (Humpbacked) Flies

Breed in moist, decaying organic materials like drains, plumbing leaks, and wet soil