

## PREVENT INFESTATIONS

The following activities can help prevent infestations:

- Place trash in sealed trash containers.
- Empty trash often.
- Dispose of pet droppings into a covered container.
- Remove grass clippings to eliminate excessive moisture.
- Use proper composting to prevent fly breeding.
- Look for breeding grounds such as rotting organic material, meat, weeds and leaves, grass clippings, garbage and animal feces, and remove such matter.
- Close windows, doors, and vents properly to prevent them from entering your house.
- Use sticky fly tapes, light traps, bait traps to lure flies away from your house.



1. Where can citizens access Poultry Ranch Inspection reports?  
<http://yucaipa.org/residents/vector-control/poultry-ranch-inspection-reports/>
2. What is the most common fly associated with Poultry Ranches? *Fannia Cannicularis*
3. What are the main causes of fly infestations? Broken eggs, dead birds, water leaks, manure
4. What is being done on a regular basis at the Poultry Ranches to prevent flies? Manure removal every three days, inspections by the City every week, City Manure Management Ordinance imposed on ranches, Vector Control Meetings at the City Office to address issues and hear Public Comment.
5. Who should I contact if I have more questions? Code Enforcement Office at the City of Yucaipa, 909-797-2489 x233



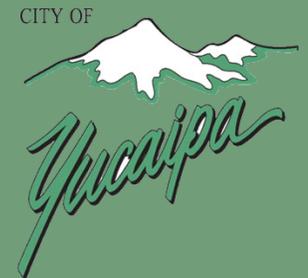
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# THE FLY FLYER

City of Yucaipa

IT'S ALL ABOUT  
FLIES AND HOW TO  
AVOID FLY  
INFESTATIONS



## TYPES OF FLIES

The most common fly is the *Musca Domestica*, the **Common House Fly**. These little guys multiply quickly, and if it were not for their short life span, the earth would be overrun by them. Their average life span is only 6 days, and they usually stay within a block of their breeding source. House flies feed and breed in things like garbage, animal and human feces, sewage, fertilizer, and compost heaps.

**Lesser House flies** (*Fannia Cannicularis*) are the flies that typically infest our chicken ranches. This fly is smaller than the house fly above, however the size difference is difficult to distinguish. Poultry manure is the preferred breeding ground for these flies. Their larvae is much smaller than the House Fly, and is a reddish brown color unlike the white larvae (maggot) of the Common House Fly.

Another common fly we see in this area is the *Stomoxys Calcitrans*, also known as the **Stable Fly**. This fly resembles the house fly but is brown, spotted, and has a wider body. The Stable Fly has piercing and sucking mouthparts, and is known as a biter that feeds on animals. The Stable fly prefers to breed in moist decaying hay, moist grain, spilled food, and moist decaying vegetation, such as as lawn clippings.

**Flesh Flies** (*Sarcophagidae*), are dark-colored, grey or black, with dark stripes on the thorax, a checkerboard pattern on the abdomen, and are slightly larger than house flies. These flies are scavengers, their preferred breeding areas are decayed flesh, spoiling meat and manure. The females deposit live larvae instead of eggs.

Flies that are large and metallic blue or green, are Blow Flies or **Bottle Flies** (*Calliphoridae*). These flies are attracted to garbage, road kill, and dog feces, they typically lay their eggs in decaying meat. Large numbers of these indoors usually indicates the presence of a dead animal within the structure, such as a rodent. These insects can transmit viral and bacterial diseases.



## CITY PROCESS TO CONTROL FLIES

Flies are an unwelcome nuisance to homeowners. Fly prevention and control is both a personal and community responsibility. The City Code Enforcement Agency works to control fly breeding from chicken ranches.

The City of Yucaipa Code Enforcement Officers inspect the Yucaipa Poultry Ranches weekly. You can find weekly reports on our web page at: [yucaipa.org/residents/vector-control/poultry-ranch-inspection-reports/](http://yucaipa.org/residents/vector-control/poultry-ranch-inspection-reports/)

To make sure the Ranch is in compliance, inspection officers will:

- Check for leaks in their water/cooling systems.
- Check for spilled feed and rodent infestations.
- Confirm operable spray equipment is on site, and Pesticide Logs are current.
- Ensure manure management, with removal every three days, and confirm that Manure Logs are current.
- Confirm waste eggs and dead birds are stored in fly-tight containers, and removed weekly.
- Verify fly bait station locations, and ensure they are maintained properly.
- Observe adult fly populations, and if high, emergency activities will be implemented.
- Observe larva breeding, and if high, emergency activities will be implemented.
- Verify overall health of the Poultry Ranch.