

# Window Fly Trap



An easy to apply fly trap to help maintain surroundings free of irritating flies. The Window Fly Trap is odourless and contains a long-acting adhesive which traps flies efficiently and quietly.

Flies are the adult insects of the order Diptera and are characterised by having only two wings. The mouthparts of houseflies are formed into a proboscis for obtaining liquid food by dissolving the food with regurgitated enzymes allowing it to be sucked up. They go through complete metamorphosis from egg, larva, pupa and adult. In suitable conditions, the life cycle can be very rapid (as little as 10 days for houseflies) and therefore infestation can build up readily.

There are several species of flies that can be found inside buildings. Flies such as Houseflies, Bluebottles and Greenbottles are associated with poor hygiene and rotting organic matter, as that is where the eggs are laid. Cluster Flies congregate in large numbers inside buildings to hibernate, their eggs are laid outside in fields and develop there. In early autumn, the adult flies are attracted to warm south and west facing walls of buildings. As the weather cools, they will push through the tiniest of cracks around windows, between roof slates or other gaps in the building to form large, clustering masses.

On warm winter days, or if heating is switched on, Cluster Flies can become active and fly around often accumulating in window areas as they try to return to the outside. Some carpet beetle infestations in historic collections have been shown to originate in Cluster Fly debris on windowsills, loft areas etc., where they have not been cleaned up regularly.

## Directions for Use



Open the carton and remove as many traps that are required. Peel off the thin line of red tape on the one side of the Window Trap and attach this to the window at a low level. Place so the bent edge of the Window Trap is at the bottom facing into the room. Remove the broader section of cover paper on the room side. As Cluster Flies have a habit of sporadically dropping from the top to bottom of the window, the bent edge helps to catch and deflect flies onto the glue surface as they pass.

Each carton contains 10 strips.

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