



House Flies

(musca domestica)

Houseflies visit dumps, sewers and garbage heaps, feeding on fecal matter and all sorts of decaying matter such as spoiled fish, eggs and meat. They regurgitate and excrete wherever they come to rest and are ideally suited to transmit disease organisms. They are suspected of transmitting 65 diseases to humans.

Their mouthparts are adapted for sponging up liquids. They cannot bite. They ingest only liquid food. The fly specks seen on surfaces flies have visited are excreted wastes.



Life Stages of the Fly

There are four life stages, the egg, larva, pupa and adult.

The larva stage is what is commonly called maggots.

Some of the most common fly diseases are dysentery, cholera, pinkeye, tuberculosis and myiasis.

The three basic principles of fly control are sanitation, exclusion and non-chemical traps.



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