



The Lesser Housefly

~~This~~ The Lesser House Fly is similar to a housefly and considered one of the filth flies. It is smaller, however, and has some distinctive characteristics.

They fly in a pattern for long periods of time, beneath lamps and in shafts of sunlight. They seem to hover and dart about in the same pattern, never landing. This is the fly that is often seen in doorways or stairwells, simply going around and around in circles.

They will breed in any moist decaying matter and the larva move through semi-solid waste. This fly is a common pest in poultry farms. The life expectancy is anywhere from 8 days to 2 months.

The lesser housefly is more tolerant of cold than the housefly and it is also less attracted to light, making light traps less effective with them.

The basics of controlling this fly are the same as with the housefly. Remove high moisture areas, pick up garbage frequently and keep dumpsters closed. Keep garbage receptacles away from doors. Keep windows tightly screened.



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