

Penn State Pointers ► Fighting Flies Year-Round?

House flies are active all year in the northeastern U.S., even surviving winter in all stages of development. Fly populations can explode rapidly depending on conditions and temperature, causing potential health risks.

TIPS...

- **Compost piles must be properly managed.**
Compost must be turned and tended to help prevent insects from becoming a nuisance.
- **Pick up and dispose of all pet and other animal manure, preferably by burying it.**
Manure piles are perfect as pest breeding areas.
- **Stop insects before they get inside your home.**
Use bait or lure insect traps outside your house. Don't place traps near doors—install 2 or 3 traps at least 50 yards from your house.
- **Don't use outdoor fly sprays.**
Most outdoor sprays don't do much good and may even harm beneficial insects.



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