

# Pest Bio

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## Housefly



Houseflies commonly transmit the pathogens that cause shigellosis, typhoid fever, E. Coli and cholera.

Although extremely annoying, flies are very interesting. Several things you may not have known about flies: House flies live on a liquid diet and can not chew. They can taste with their feet. They defecate, a lot. They can spread a range of diseases due to their feeding and breeding habits. They can walk upside down. They are able to see behind them. The lifespan of a housefly is only about 30 days. They have fast reaction times and unhygienic breeding habits.

**Call Barrier for help managing Houseflies**

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### DIET

Adults are mainly carnivorous and eat mostly animal matter, carrion and feces but can also eat milk, sugary substances and rotting fruit and veggies.

### HABITAT

Houseflies can be found anywhere with decaying matter. They can be found both indoor and outdoors during the warm months of the year.

### BEHAVIOR

Adult houseflies are diurnal and rest at night, if inside a building at night they tend to congregate on ceilings, beams and overhead wires. When outside they crawl into foliage or long grass.

### Housefly Facts:

Size: 6-7mm

Shape: Oval

Color: Gray to Black w/ Red Eyes

Legs: 6

Wings: Yes

Antenna: Yes

### Scientific Name:

Kingdom:

-Animalia

Phylum:

-Arthropoda

Class:

-Insecta

Order:

-Diptera

Family:

-Muscidea

Genus:

-Musca