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## Fly Problems

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Chicagoland at this time of the year has got to have the most delightful climate in the world. It tends to let one forget the problems many area residents were confronted with this past summer.

Heavy, heavy rains brought flooding to many suburban communities. These conditions caused the mosquito problem to explode. Warm days this fall will continue to hatch mosquito larva, making evenings outside annoying. Control will be accomplished when cooler days and cool nights persist. However, this also makes the evening hours a little too cool for many people to enjoy. It seems like you can't win.

To add insult to injury, the fall brings with it yet another problem — dirty old houseflies. They seem to be everywhere. No matter how hard you try to eliminate the fly, they always seem to be flying around your buildings.

To reduce the number of flies in and around your buildings, first check your sanitation problems. Keep your yard clean of debris. Pet droppings should be picked up regularly. Adult fly breeding in garbage pails create maggots (housefly larvae). This can be controlled by cutting up the No-Pest Resin Strips, containing 20% vapona (DDVP, dichlorvos), into equal parts and attaching them to the lids of your garbage pails. Make certain the lids fit snugly as the strips emit a vapor and must be used in a closed area. Federal registration prohibits the use of these strips in the kitchen or in rooms where the ill, aged or infants are confined. No-Pest resin strips can also be strung in attached garages to prevent flies from migrating into the rest of the building. Aerosol cans containing DDVP or pyrethrin can be used for a quick knockdown inside your building.

Cluster flies are another type of fly which presents no problem at this time of the year. They migrate to the eaves of the buildings in the fall and hibernate. They become a problem on a warm, winter day on the south and west sides of a building and may appear in great swarms at the windows. To prevent this from happening, spray with Cygon (dimethoate) up in the eaves.

**Gypsy Moth Spread Acute** USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service is designing intensified regulatory and control measures to minimize gypsy moth spread (the main source of which is long-distance artificial spread by mobile homes and trailers). A new 5-year research and development program is underway. It will concentrate mainly on selective biological controls with a limited use of chemicals. Of 2 million acres suffering light to severe defoliation this year, the greatest area was in Connecticut with 655,000 acres; Other states hardest hit: Pennsylvania, 598,000 acres; New York, 479,000 acres; New Jersey, 18,000 acres; and Massachusetts, 18,000 acres.

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