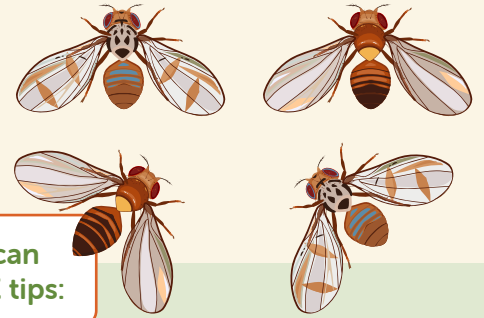


# Protect your garden from fruit flies!

## Help your local fruit and vegetable farmers

Fruit flies are a major plant pest that attack a wide range of fruits and vegetables, making them inedible and unmarketable.

There are over 300 fruit fly species in Australia, all of which can ruin fruit and vegetables in your gardens and destroy Australian produce.



No matter how big or small your garden, you and your neighbours can help reduce fruit fly populations in your area by following the **CUBE** tips:



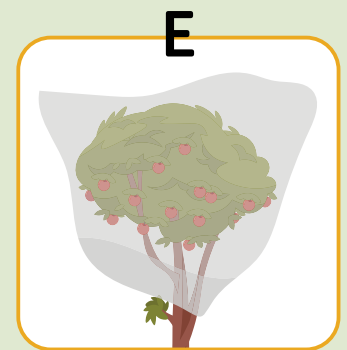
Clear ripe and fallen fruit.



Use homemade or commercial traps to drown fruit flies.



Bait to kill flies with organic insecticide.



Exclude flies from touching fruit by placing nets and bags over the fruit you want to keep.

If you are not looking after your fruit trees or vegetable plants, consider removing them. Your neighbours will thank you.

It's important to treat any fallen or infested fruit or vegetables before disposal.

- ▶ Seal it inside a plastic bag and place it in a **freezer** for two days.
- ▶ **Microwave** or **boil** produce to kill larvae and eggs.
- ▶ Seal it in a black plastic bag and leave it in the **sun** for at least seven days.

Don't put untreated produce in your compost or worm farm, or into your rubbish or green collection.

Ensuring fruit fly numbers are controlled is everyone's responsibility.



For more information on how to control fruit fly in your garden head to:

<https://preventfruitfly.com.au/controlling-fruit-fly/gardeners/choosing-a-control-strategy>



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