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Drain Flies

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Drain Flies also called moth flies, sewer flies, or filter flies are true flies commonly found in kitchen sinks, garbage bins and bathrooms. They do not bite but could potentially pose a health problem. Although adult drain flies only live for about 2 weeks, they can be a nuisance for extended periods of time once a source of food is available.

Appearance: The adult drain fly is very tiny about 1/8 of an inch and is black or brownish in color with the body and wings densely covered with hairs.

Habitat: Drain flies reproduce in garbage bins, polluted, shallow water or highly moist organic soils, usually around drains, septic tank fields or filter stones. Both the larvae and pupae may live in the thin layer of gelatinous film around drain pipes.

Life Cycle: They undergo complete metamorphosis with a life cycle of about 8 to 24 days. Eggs are tiny, brown or cream colored and are laid in mass of 10 to 200. The eggs usually hatch within 48 hours after been laid. The larval stage lasts 9 to 15 days before pupating. The larva is legless, wormlike and feeds on sediments, decaying vegetation and microscopic plants and animals. The pupal stage only lasts 20 to 40 hours. The adult only lives for about 2 weeks. The newly emerged adult is sexually mature and quickly copulates. It is a very poor flier and may be seen running on walls or resting on other surfaces. It flies in a jerky manner.

Control: Locate and repair broken plumbing lines. Clean drains and garbage bins. Call us at Calypso for identification and treatment to control drain flies and other household pests.



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Most people do not relate the two. However, many of the things you do in your garden can harbor termites. Here are a few:

- Mulch against the house.
- Planting in the treated zone.
- Landscape timber and other wood material close to the house.
- Watering along the foundation diluting termiticide barrier.



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