Fixing your Fruit Fly Problem

Fruit flies are also called vinegar flies or pomace flies. They have a strong attraction to ripened and fermenting fruits, vegetables and garbage, both indoors and outdoors.

- Female can lay approx. 500 eggs
- Abundant in late summer/early fall
- Eggs laid near surface of decaying organic matter
- Life cycle from egg to adult takes 7 to 12 days
- Larvae feed on fermenting material before pupation in a drier location

Fruit Fly Trap

- 1/8-inch long
- Strong fliers
- Red eyes
- Tan body
- Black rings on abdomen
- Apple cider vinegar
- A few drops of dish soap
- Paper funnel or lid with holes

Fruit Fly Prevention

- Cut damaged portion of fruit away (the rest is safe to eat)
- Consume or refrigerate foods
- Sanitation of drains, garbage disposals, trash cans, recycle bins, mops, dish cloths, sponges, food containers, spills and residues
- Freeze compost until trash day
- Discard decayed foods in outdoor trash
- Close doors and screen windows with 16 mesh

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