

FLYING RODENTS



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A FLY LANDS ON YOUR FOOD?

- Flies cannot eat solid food, so when they land on your sandwich they vomit on it
- Then they stamp on the vomit to soften the sandwich, usually stamping in bacteria, as well
- When the sandwich is good and runny, they suck it up, possibly dropping excrement at the same time
- Flies have no food preference, so prior to landing on your sandwich, they may have fed on some dog feces or garbage
- Now that the fly is done eating, IT'S YOUR TURN!

DISEASES

Flies are considered filthy creatures because not only do they contaminate food with eggs and maggots, but they also carry bacteria that cause intestinal disease. The fly can transmit the following disease-causing organisms to human food through direct body contact or by vomiting:

- Salmonella
- Dysentery (Diarrhea)
- E. Coli
- Pink Eye
- Parasitic Worms

FLY CONTROL

Flies breed in garbage, fermenting liquids, poorly cleaned drains, and rotting food debris. It is important to prevent the attraction of flies to a food facility by maintaining a clean facility, keeping all doors/windows closed or screened, and sealing all gaps.

If flies continue to be a problem, contact a pest management professional to provide proper, sanitary fly control measures.