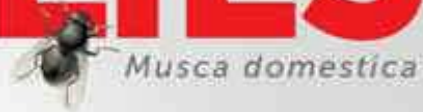


# FILTHY FACTS **FLIES**

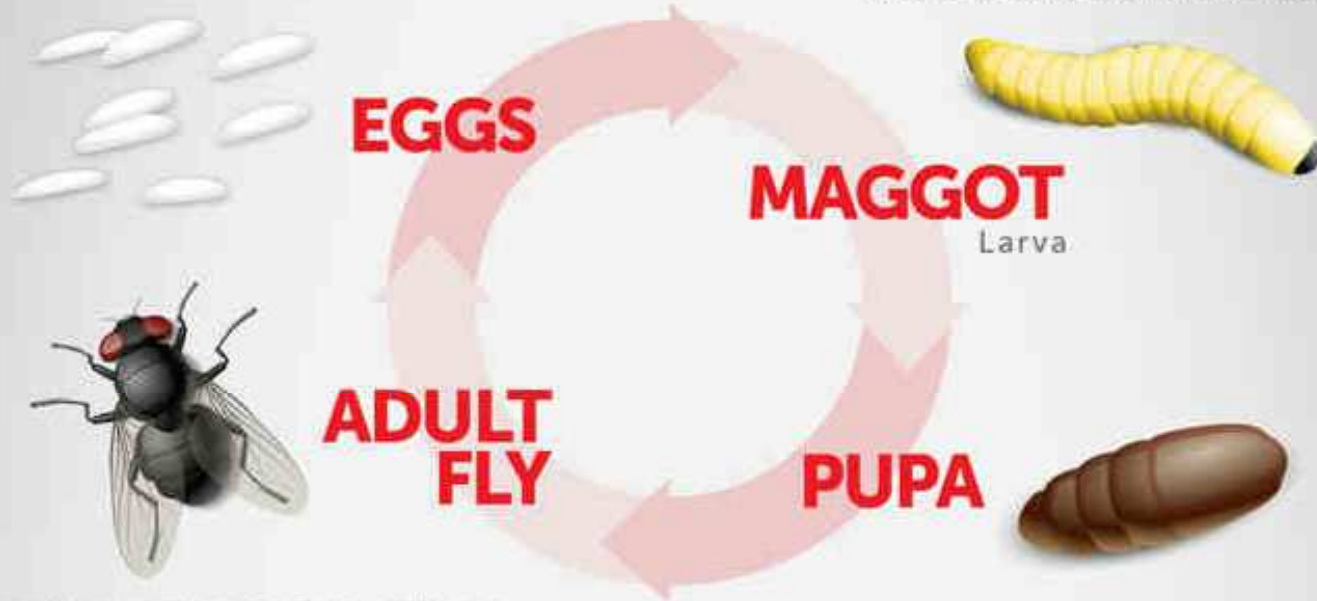
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At **30°C** a housefly can complete its **LIFE CYCLE** in just **10 DAYS**

An adult fly lays its eggs in organic waste, faeces or exposed foods.

Maggots hatch after 48 hours depending on temperature and feed on the organic matter in which they find themselves.



The pupa metamorphoses into a fly and is capable of breeding in 10 days. An adult fly lives for 3-4 weeks and can lay up to 900 eggs.

Growing to 1cm long they then migrate to a drier position just below the surface of its breeding ground where they pupate.

## Negative Psychological Impact

Flies are perceived to be a sign of poor hygiene. Get rid of flies by:

- After dark, keep windows and doors closed or block light with curtains.
- Fit fly screens to windows especially around kitchen and waste areas.
- Always cover food.
- Clear away food and liquid spillages immediately.
- Make sure all rubbish bins have tightly sealed lids.



The contents of your bin can reach **30°C** - the perfect feeding conditions for **MAGGOTS**



## Dirty Feeding Habits

A fly's tongue is shaped like a straw so they can suck up their food. A fly dissolves solid food by regurgitating digestive fluids onto it.

By settling and feeding on faeces, manure and rotting food then subsequently landing on food for human consumption, flies transfer and deposit harmful bacteria, causing illness and disease.

## Salmonellosis

is just one of the diseases houseflies can carry. Other diseases include typhoid, cholera, tuberculosis, anthrax, ophthalmia and parasitic worms.



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