

# QUEENSLAND FRUIT FLY FACT SHEET - URBAN & BACKYARD TREATMENTS

Urban areas within an AWM region can provide habitat for Qfly, and the choice of strategies for urban areas depends on the acceptance of those strategies by the community, and the level of support provided to the community when participating. The individual methods or treatments used in AWM can be the same as those used on-farm but some may be prohibited by regulation for use in home gardens or public spaces or require application by licensed pest control operators. Treatments used on-farm such as hygiene, baiting, trapping (and monitoring) can be used off-farm as part of an integrated AWM program across regions. Trapping, host removal and SIT seem to be options that are acceptable (See the science that supports this).

There are several excellent resources to get more details, but in summary the best controls for backyard gardens are based around good hygiene, the removal of unwanted or damage fruit, and netting or bagging of fruit and vegetable crops. Choosing management tools for urban spaces is difficult; options need to be acceptable to the community and practical to implement. Talk to your local gardening store, or see if your local council is involved in an urban management program.

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