

Hygiene

Management at a larger scale
To produce clean, marketable fruit



What is hygiene?

Hygiene means keeping your property, including all vineyards, orchards, garden spaces and other non-crop areas clean and free from unmanaged fruit that might be harbouring fruit fly. This reduces the fly's ability to live and reproduce in the landscape and is critical to preventing fruit flies becoming established in your area.

How does it work?

Hygiene works by you removing all possible places that the fly can complete its life cycle (except your commercial crop of course). This means picking all fruit from the tree post-harvest, and picking up any infested berries that have dropped to the ground. It is important to then dispose of that fruit appropriately. Contact your local council or state department for further advice.

Removing any unwanted or neglected hosts is also crucial, as these are potential breeding sites for Qfly – then you will not have to worry about them. If you have wind breaks, or other trees in the orchard that are Qfly hosts, keep them to a manageable height so you can pick all the fruit from them too.



Hygiene also refers to on-farm biosecurity practices that prevent Qfly from entering a property from the start.

Do you have an on-farm biosecurity plan?

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