



Flies – The Council does not treat for flies but will treat for cluster flies at the standard fee.

Description –

- Cluster Flies are black with a golden chest. They are about 6mm long.
- House Flies are grey black in colour aND about 6mm long.
- Blue Bottles are a metallic blue colour with large red eyes. They are about 11mm long.

Further Info –

- **Cluster Flies** –The female lays eggs in damp soil and rotting vegetation. They will hatch in about 7 days and find an earthworm, which they bore into and feed off. Adults feed on nectar during the summer and hibernate in the winter. Cluster flies look for shelter in the autumn which can sometimes be in houses, such as loft spaces. Large colonies can form and if the temperature rises during the winter they will emerge.
- **House Flies** – The female can lay up to 150 eggs in rotting vegetation or animal faeces . They hatch within 48 hours and the larva develop in 1-2 weeks.
- **Blue Bottles** – Females normally lay their eggs on meat but also on excrement. They hatch within a day and burrow into the food source. They spread disease through food stuffs.

How to Treat – We do not recommend that you treat for Cluster Flies yourself as they are quite difficult to deal with. You would advise that you use one of the Councils Officers or a private pest control company.

How the Council will treat – We use a smoke canister to fumigate the effected area. Due to this you cannot enter the room for up to 3 hours after the treatment.