



COMMAND PEST CONTROL

Information sheet number 67 – The Yellow Swarming Fly



Appearance:

2.5- 3mm long, with a 5mm wingspan, they are bright yellow with three longitudinal black marks on the thorax and transverse marks on the abdomen.

Breeding:

Eggs are laid in the soil and they have 3 moults and they migrate to pupate.

Food:

The larvae feed on the juvenile stages of root aphids and the adults are plant feeders.

Where do Yellow Swarming Flies live?

They live out in the fields and gardens in the summer months and overwinter in buildings during the autumn. They enter buildings in large numbers in September to November and are often found in windows, lofts and where natural UV shines through openings. They leave buildings again in the spring months March to April.

Diseases and damage:

No disease as transmitted by these flies but they are considered a nuisance and might contaminate food and manufacturing processes.

Control:

Contact insecticidal spray to window frames and misting / fogging to voids and spaces where flies are harbouring / alighting.

For more advice and control recommendations contact us on 01787 248049