

Become a fruit fly fighter

Living with Queensland fruit fly



Find out more about the fruit fly fighter program.

Am I eligible for the fruit fly fighter program?

You are eligible for the program if you:

- are a home gardeners
- live in town or on a residential block in rural areas
- live in the Victorian section of the Fruit Fly Murray Valley area
- have two or more Qfly host trees in your garden
- are interested in learning how to manage Qfly.*

Why are only home gardeners eligible?

This program is not designed for commercial horticulture properties. The information and level of management options are aimed at home gardeners. Commercial growers who would like help and advice on managing Qfly are welcome to contact the GS PFA and we can supply tailored support and information.

Why are only Victorian residents eligible?

The project is fully funded by Agriculture Victoria. Therefore, we can only work within the Victorian region.

AT A GLANCE

Home gardeners with two or more host trees and interested in learning about Queensland fruit fly

Limited places available.

The program will continue until June 2023

Register online at www.fruitflymv.com.au or (03) 50 220 327



The Fruit Fly Murray Valley program is supported by the Victorian Government



Fact sheet: Become a fruit fly fighter - Benefits of being a fruit fly fighter

Why do I need to have two or more host trees?

This program is aimed at helping home gardeners that have a few host trees in their garden. If you only have one host tree you are welcome to contact the FFMV and a community support officer can provide you with some traps and advice on managing your tree.

I rent a property. Am I eligible?

Participants are not required to own the property. However, the FFMV requires the permission of the home owner for any tree removal from the property.

Is the program free?

There is no cost for the program and you will receive free insect nets (maximum of two), traps, and tree removal if desired.

Do I have to have my picture taken?

No, you can participate in the program without having your picture taken. However, we encourage you to advocate for fruit fly management in the community and allow us to share your journey and promote your success.

Are you with us?

For more information call (03) 5022 0327 or visit fruitflymv.com.au

What trees are included as Qfly host trees?

While all fruiting trees have the potential to support Qfly, the FFMV has prioritised the following types of fruit trees as they pose the greatest risk:

- Stone fruit – apricot, peach, nectarine, plum, peacharine and cherry
- Citrus – grapefruit, orange, lime, mandarin, cumquat and lemon
- Pome fruit – apple, pear, nashi, quince and loquat
- Tropical fruits – guava, cherry guava, mango and feijoa
- Other hosts – pomegranate, fig, mulberry, custard apple, persimmon, avocado, prickly pear, and passionfruit vines

Do I have to remove any of my trees?

No. removal of host trees under this program is voluntary. A community support officer can talk with you about what fruit you use from your garden and if you might like to remove any trees.

For all eligibility criteria for the FFMV program www.fruitflymv.com.au, some sites may be ineligible for tree removal.

Tree removal is contingent on funding availability.

