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Check your fruit and vegetables for fruit fly

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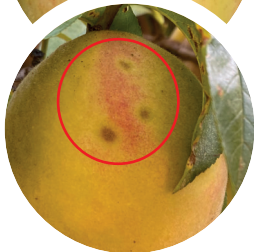
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1. Check ripening fruit and vegetables for sting marks, bruising or blemishes

In the weeks leading up to the ripening of fruit and vegetables, regularly check for sting marks, bruises or blemishes indicating it has been stung by a fruit fly.

Top: Sting mark on an apple
Bottom: Multiple sting marks on a peach

2. Pick, cut open and check for rot and maggots

Check the inside of your fruit and vegetables by picking and cutting it open and checking for rot and internal discolouration. Look for tiny white maggots indicating it has been infected by fruit fly.

Apple and peach cut open showing rot, internal discolouration, and fruit fly maggot infestation

3. Seal and report any suspected fruit fly

If you find maggots or anything wriggling that you're not sure about, seal the fruit in a plastic bag or container and contact the Fruit Fly Hotline on 1300 666 010.

Find out more at

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