

## **CLUSTER FLIES**

As most people ruefully discover, cluster fly control is most successfully accomplished in late summer. Cluster flies overwinter in buildings, sometimes in large “clusters” and become pests on warm winter or spring days, when they fly to windows or lights. A well-timed application in the late summer, of an insecticide barrier to the outside of a building can reduce the problem by as much as 90-95%.

Best results are obtained in New York when the insecticide is applied between August 15 and Labor Day, but weather patterns may alter this by 10 days, earlier or later. A residual material is needed to remain effective as long as possible during the 12 week period during which flies may try to enter a home. After is period, treatment, whether interior or exterior, is no longer effective because of the continual emergence of flies from attics and wall voids, which will continue all winter long.

