

Controlling Flies

Flies are a major summer nuisance. Wearing an Ultra Shield fly mask is not just a stylish look for horses. It helps protect a horse's face from insects that bite like horse flies. Horse flies are usually out during the day when the sun is high and hot. Both horse flies and stable flies suck blood, so they can be painful when they attack so an Ultra Shield is important protection gear. Untreated bites can become infected.

Fly control using insecticides such as foggers will help decrease the number of adult flies, but will not solve the problem at the source, which is the area where flies breed. Moist straw, spilled feed, and hay are where flies live and breed. Wet spots from water or urine can be ideal for pests. Keep your barns and corrals cleaned at least once a week to break the fly life cycle. Remove the manure and other organic material. They can be composted, or spread it thinly over a different area so that the sun will dry it out and kill the larvae.

Flies can also be stopped with screens on my barns and stalls. Fans blowing air out of horse areas and fly-eating predators will also help. The equine veterinarians at Herd Health Management have lots of ideas that can help make your horses, donkey, cows, and other barn dwellers more comfortable in hot climates like Arizona.

We can help with fly control.

