

Monitor for Cherry Fruit Flies

The cherry fruit fly, which is responsible for wormy cherries in your favorite cherry tree, will soon be emerging. The cherry fruit fly usually emerges between May 15 and June 10. To better determine when the flies emerge, use a yellow sticky board covered with a sticky substance. Look for small flies, about 3/8 inches long, with black stripes on their wings. The first spray needs to

be applied ten days after emergence. Emergence can be determined when the traps have caught 4 to 8 flies. The flies are ready to start laying eggs about 10 days after emergence. The fruit fly needs to be controlled before they start to lay eggs. The eggs are laid under the cherry skin on half ripe cherries where they cannot be contacted by insecticides. The spray program should be repeated!