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Home made Fruit Fly bait

Ingredients:

1. 2 Litres of water
2. Half a cup of sugar
3. 1 Teaspoon of imitation vanilla essence
4. 2 Tablespoons of cloudy ammonia

Method:

1. Mix thoroughly and pour 2 cups of the mixture into a plastic bottle
2. Cut 2 holes, one each side, into the bottle (about the size of a 1 cent piece) halfway between the mixture and the lid
3. Screw the lid on the bottle

Application:

As soon as the trees come into bloom hang 2 bottles in each or amongst tomato vines, etc.

If the sun can shine on the bottle for at least part of the day the trap is more effective.

Replace the mixture every 2 weeks or when it becomes black with dead flies.

Ask your neighbours to use the traps as well, even if they don't have any fruit trees. The aim is to remove as many breeding flies from the environment as possible. If everyone used these traps each year the fruit fly would eventually be reduced to a controllable level or eliminated all together.

Please note:

The use of this control method does NOT remove the need to spray your fruiting plants It is a complementary procedure designed to enhance fruit fly control rather than replace it.

An occasional spraying with Lebaycid® or Rogor® will still be required to control any larvae that have hatched within the fruit. Make sure you stick to the directions on the container.