



# TAU FLY

## HAS BEEN FOUND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD



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### HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF TAU FLY

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is investigating a find of Tau fly in your area.

Tau flies could harm the country's fruit and vegetable crops and stop New Zealand from exporting some products.

While MPI works to find out if there are any more Tau flies in the area, we need your help to check if any more flies are present, and that you don't unknowingly carry them to new locations.

## PLEASE DON'T MOVE FRUIT OR VEGETABLES OUT OF YOUR PROPERTY

Please do not move any fruit, vegetables, fruit or vege scraps, or garden waste (for example, prunings, dead fruit and compost, etc) out of your property.

It is particularly important that you do not take home-grown fruit or vegetables away from your home until further notice.

While it is preferable not to, if you must send fruit or veges out of your home, for example in packed lunches, please only do this with store bought produce and not home-grown.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Information will be available very soon (if not already) at the MPI website

[www.mpi.govt.nz/tau-fly](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/tau-fly).

Keep an eye on this site for regular updates. Updates will also be in the news media.

You may receive a visit from someone from MPI telling you what to do and how you can help in this important operation.

An official MPI inspector may need to check your garden for any signs of Tau fly. They will be particularly interested to look at any vegetable gardens or rubbish bins. They may also ask to set a small trap in your garden so that any Tau flies around are caught. (These are safe for pets and children).

If your house is very close to where the Tau fly was found, you may receive your own wheelie bin to safely dispose of all fruit, vegetable and garden waste.

If you live in the Tau fly controlled area, there will be bins made available at handy locations for waste disposal.

If you need to talk to someone about this, call MPI on **Freephone 0800 80 99 66**

## WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT

If it turns out there are more flies in your neighbourhood, and if they are moved out of the area in fruit and vegetables, the job of finding and getting rid of them is made much harder.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.