



## To the property owner/householder

### Fruit Fly Surveillance Trap Deployment

You will probably know about the recent detection of Queensland fruit flies in your suburb.

We have visited today and mounted a fruit fly trap on a fruit tree on your property. We will be visiting the trap regularly to check it. Please do not touch the trap. If you have any questions, please ring us on 0800 80 99 66 and quote the trap number you will be able to see on the outside.

The Queensland fruit fly is a major threat to New Zealand horticulture, our economy and many of the fruit and vegetables people grow at home. We have been working hard to ensure it doesn't become established here and we are grateful for the support of the Northcote and Devonport communities in doing this. The trapping programme which involves your property is a key part to this work.

If you have further questions about fruit flies, particularly the recent Queensland fruit flies in Auckland, and want to speak to someone, please call 0800 80 99 66. Further information about Queensland fruit flies is available on our website [www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/fruitfly)

#### **Fruit fly trap information:**

The traps we are using contain a chemical lure that mimics female fruit flies and attracts males into the trap. There is also a small strip of an insecticide called DDVP (also known as Dichlorvos) to kill fruit flies once they are inside the trap.

The DDVP insecticide strip should not be handled by the public. It contains an organophosphate which is harmful if it comes into contact with skin or if it is swallowed. It releases vapours that are harmful if inhaled.

Our traps are white in colour and look a bit like a container hanging from the tree. They are about 15cm by 15cm in size, and usually hang about 1.5m above ground level, depending how tall the tree is. These traps are clearly labelled with health and safety warnings.

If you are concerned that someone on your property may have swallowed any DDVP, or got it on their skin, or inhaled vapours from the DDVP, please contact the New Zealand National Poisons Centre immediately on freephone 0800-764-766. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

We appreciate your support to ensure these traps are not touched or disturbed.

Yours sincerely

Fruit Fly Surveillance Team

