

Something buggy around your trash?

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Think you're being bugged more by insects this strike-stunted summer?

Well, despite the mounting mounds of garbage and wet weather, there's little evidence the city is facing an insect infestation, a Royal Ontario Museum entomologist says.

"It's a very difficult question to answer ... but I haven't noticed an increase, to be honest," ROM insect expert Antonia Guidotti says.

Guidotti says people may be assuming rotting garbage will create an insect invasion. But while it's true flies will go after sitting trash like ... well, flies, they're also likely to remain near those new-found feasts.

And despite the summer rains, which create more dank places for mosquitoes to breed, she said she's seen a "decrease" in the whining pests.

"Because of the cool weather I would say they're a little less active," she says. "Usually when I'm in my backyard I've been bitten a lot more."



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A mosquito