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## Houseflies: Nature's Tiny Helpers

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Houseflies are important because they break down waste and help plants grow, even though they can spread diseases.
2. If houseflies disappeared, waste might pile up, and many animals that rely on flies for food could struggle to survive.
3. Other insects like beetles and ants also help decompose waste and contribute to the ecosystem.
4. Humans can balance the benefits and risks by keeping spaces clean and preventing houseflies from contaminating food.

