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When I change the oil in my lawn mower, I catch the old oil in a wide, flat pan. I pour the oil from the pan into a jug, for recycling. After I've poured as much oil out of the pan as is convenient, I sit the pan in some convenient location. The oil that remains in the pan flows into a wide, shallow sheet over the bottom of the pan. Flies see the thin layer of oil in the pan, land on it, and get stuck. The next time that I drain oil into the pan, the flies go into the recycle jug with the new batch of oil, to be recycled.

