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I read an interesting article, regarding the use of Scotchguard on CDC flies. By treating the fly several times, prior to use, the fly basically became waterproof. Each time the fly is sprayed, you wait until the application has evaporated, then hit it again. 3 times is a charm.

From the Tullygram article:

[i]"The CDC feathers become matted together when you apply them. Several suppliers eventually produced what they called CDC oil. If it really was CDC oil it would have been a natural liquid fat harvested from the preen glands of a lot of ducks. I suspect that it wasn't. The oil produced by the preen gland seems to be a simple low molecular weight fat and therefore liquid. As a result almost any similar animal fat would work as well. The most reasonable way to apply this to a fly is to take a toothpick or similar object with a small amount of fat and brush it onto the CDC, thereby roughly simulating the process that the duck uses." ...Of course CDC is supposed to contain the natural oil, so it shouldn't be necessary to add waterproofing. Don't count on it, especially if the feather has been dyed. The dying process has likely removed the oil../i] Rick Bell