

Bee Removal Order and Agreement

Beekeeper: _____

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Scope of Work:

I authorize the named beekeeper(s) to remove honey bees from my property.

I understand it may be necessary to remove sheetrock, shingles, trim, walls, wall coverings, flooring, floor coverings, and other parts of the structure or to move furnishings in order to remove the bees, comb, and other bee related matter.

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These holes may be in the living area, the exterior, or the roof, depending on where the bees have colonized. I understand once the removal is complete, I will have to repair any of these access holes at my own cost. Neither the named beekeeper(s), nor any association(s) they belong to, will perform or be responsible for any repairs or damage due to the disassembly that occurs during their removal efforts.

INITIAL: _____

Repair to the property should be performed with the understanding that bees could return to the same location in the future and that all measures to prevent this should be communicated to the contractor used to repair the disassembly or damage done to the structure of the home.

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Fees:

I agree to pay a minimum of \$400 and no more than \$_____ for the services. Removal may require more than one visit across one or more days. I understand that this amount could change due to extenuating circumstances and that I will be notified prior to the extra work being performed.

INITIAL: _____

Hazards of Bee Stings

I understand some people may be moderately to severely allergic to bee stings. The reactions can vary from mild discomfort to a serious life threatening medical condition. More severe reactions include generalized swelling and itching, faintness, sweating, a pounding headache, stomach cramps or vomiting, a feeling of impending doom, a tight chest or choking sensation with swelling of the throat and in extreme cases anaphylactic shock with death resulting. I understand it is my responsibility to inform all surrounding neighbors so they can take the necessary precautions to protect their family, pets and livestock.

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Beekeeper Duties:

- perform all removal work to the best of his/her ability
- make every effort to cause the minimum amount of damage to the structure
- remove as many bees and as much comb and honey as possible
- advise property owner as to the best way to keep the bees from returning to the same area in the future
- make a return trip to remove more bees if a significant number return

Beekeeper **does not** guarantee that all bees will be removed due to bees still being in the field collecting nectar and pollen. Most bees that return to find the colony removed will disperse within 24 to 48 hours.

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Property Owner Duties:

- provide access to electricity and water, and accept sealed trash bags for disposal

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I am fully aware of the risks involved and hazards connected with honey bees, and such process required to remove them from the premises. I also understand and agree to hold harmless bee removal contractors and those assisting with honey bee removal from any claims, suits, actions or causes of action arising out of any injury, accident, or any damages that may occur in the process of removing the honey bees.

Address of Bee Removal:

Property owner name: _____

Property owner phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Recommended Procedure for Making Former Bee Space Inhabitable to Future Bees

1. Vacuum out the area, leaving nothing behind
2. Spray all surfaces with a solution of bleach and water, or other household cleanser, to remove the former odor of wax and honey
3. Optionally cover surfaces with an oil based paint or primer
4. Fill the vacant space with insulation
5. Close up the former entrance

Notes About the Straggler Bees

1. Some bees may return, but they will not survive more than a few days. Bees need a colony of thousands.
2. Bees without young or honey to protect are generally docile and not prone to sting unless provoked. The occasional bee in your home can be gently captured in a plastic cup, or on a sheet of paper and ushered outside. They want nothing to do with people or people food.