

# Agreement for Removal of Bees

The Property Owner identified below authorizes the Beekeeper identified below to remove \_\_\_\_ colony(ies) of honey bees from the property identified below.

The Beekeeper will make the best effort to remove all comb to ensure no honey or brood remain to attract pests or cause damage. The Beekeeper will make the best effort to remove as many honeybees from the property as possible. 100% removal of all honeybees belonging to this particular colony may not be possible because a portion of the colony will be out collecting nectar and pollen. When these bees eventually return to the hive location to find their colony missing, they usually disperse within 24-48 hours. In order to attract these residual bees away from the cavity formerly occupied by the bees and to clean out any residual honey remaining the cavity, the beekeeper may leave a beehive at the site for a day or two after the removal is complete.

The Beekeeper relieves the Property Owner of any liability should an accident occur causing injury to the Beekeeper or damage to his equipment while performing bee removal services provided such injury is not the result of the Property Owner's negligence or deliberate act.

The Beekeeper may either disassemble the structure containing the honey bee colony or will cooperate with the Property Owner's repairman as necessary to remove the bee colony. The Beekeeper will make the best effort to minimize damage to the structure.

The Property Owner understands that bee colony removal may require disassembly of, or damage to, parts of walls, floors, ceilings, roof, interior, exterior, tree, or other parts of the honey-bee-inhabited cavity in order to remove the honey bees and honey comb from the cavity.

The Property Owner understands that the Beekeeper will not perform repairs nor be held responsible for any repair work required resulting from the honey bee colony removal effort or from accidental damage. The Property Owner understands that all repairs are his or her responsibility. The Property Owner understands that his or her repairman performing the repairs must promptly seal up the cavity and cavity entrance properly to ensure that no other colony of honeybees will find and inhabit the same location in the future. It is the Property Owner's sole responsibility to communicate this information to the contractor.

The Property Owner understands he or she is urged to obtain an estimate of repair costs prior to the commencement of bee removal. The Beekeeper will consult with the repairman at no charge to ensure the repairman knows what the Beekeeper expects to do.

The Property Owner understands that the bee removal process may require multiple visits to complete. The Beekeeper will make the best effort to complete the removal expeditiously.

The Property Owner understands that the bee colony, comb, and honey become the property of the Beekeeper once the removal process begins.

The Property Owner relieves the Beekeeper of any liability should any person on or near the property receive a bee sting during or after the bee removal process and will take necessary steps to restrict access to the removal site.

The Property Owner will not apply any pesticides or other harmful substances on or near the bee colony or on any blooming plants on the property until after the Beekeeper reports that the removal work is complete.

The Property Owner has applied the following pesticides on the following approximate dates:

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The Property Owner agrees to pay the Beekeeper the rate of \$100 per hour while work is under way with a maximum of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payment in full is due when the removal procedure is complete.

Name of Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Property Location and Description \_\_\_\_\_

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Property Owner Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Beekeeper \_\_\_\_\_

Beekeeper Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Beekeeper Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Bee Cut-Out Checklist

A cut-out is anything from taking bees out of a home / shed / garage to simply removing them from a tree in someone's yard. The number one goal is to get the queen and most (if not all) of the bees. Below are some tools that may be useful in doing a cut-out:

- Deep hive bodies (2)
- Bottom board (screened preferred)
- Inner cover
- Top-cover
- Empty frames (20) for the brood comb.
- Large rubber bands to secure the brood comb in the empty frames <sup>(1)</sup>
- Spray bottle with 1:1 syrup (and Honey Bee Healthy) to calm the bees
- Smoker (avoid using smoke; it makes the queen run and hide)
- Serrated steak knife to cut out comb
- Five-gallon buckets (2 - for honey comb)
- Hardware cloth (1/8" mesh)
- Bee escape
- 3' length of 4" ABS sewer pipe
- Bee veil
- Bee jacket or coveralls
- Rubber gloves
- Water and Gatorade
- Duct tape
- BeeVac
- Vacuum hoses
- Long extension cord
- Generator
- Ladder
- White bed sheet (in case it's necessary to shake the bees out in front of the hive)
- Tarp
- Infrared thermometer
- Skil Saw or sawzall
- Stud finder
- Sheetrock saw
- Chain saw or bow saw (for tree cut-outs)
- Saw file
- Wedge (2-3 -- for tree cut-outs)
- Axe and Maul (for tree cut-outs)
- Contract

Notes:

- (1) When placing comb in the frame, it is crucial that you place it in the exact same orientation that you found it in the hive.