



MANAGING BEE PROBLEMS

The County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care & Control does not handle calls regarding bees or their removal.



COUNTY OF
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ANIMAL CARE
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Please note: This information has been provided by the County of Los Angeles Agricultural Commission/Weights & Measures. This information has been compiled for residents of Los Angeles County. If you do not live in Los Angeles County, contact your City Hall, local Health Department, or Local Agriculture Commissioner's Department.



Bees are flying insects, closely related to wasps and ants. There are slightly fewer than 20,000 known species of bee, though many are undescribed and the actual number is probably higher. They are found on every continent except Antarctica, in every habitat on the planet that contains flowering plants known as dicotyledons.

Not only are the bees pollinators of flowering plants, including fruits and vegetables, but they also limit the growth of insect populations that otherwise would overtake most crops, ultimately limiting our food supply. Unfortunately, in late summer and early fall when bee populations peak, the normal insect diet disappears and their feeding habits become a problem to man. At this

time of year, the yellow jacket has an appetite for much of the same food and drink as those consumed by man. Also, yellow jacket stings can result in a life-threatening situation, especially if the person is allergic to yellow jacket venom. The yellow jacket has a smooth stinger that can be used to sting multiple times, whereas the honey bee has a barbed stinger than can be used to sting only once.

Possible nest sites include: soil cavity such as an abandoned mouse nest or hollow tree, open spaces in walls, attics, porches, eaves or sheds, etc.

If you have a problem with bees, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO KILL OR REMOVE THE BEES YOURSELF.

1. For Stinging Incidents (victim involved) call 911.
2. Honey Bee Swarms or Nests (outside, not a structure)
 - In the City of Pasadena, contact the Public Health Department at (626) 744-6004.
 - In the City of Long Beach, contact the Department of Health & Human Services at (562) 570-4132
 - In the City of Vernon, contact the Fire Department at (323) 583-8811.
 - In the unincorporated area of Altadena, Monday thru Thursday, call (626) 575-5466. Friday thru Saturday and after hours, call (213) 974-1234. Ask for the bee inspector from the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner's department.
 - If you live in a Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) or a Vector Control District, call 1-800-925-3800. If you are in an area covered by a MAD, they eradicate the bees at no cost to the property owner. To determine if your area is covered, please be ready to give your zip code.
3. Honey Bee Swarms or Nests (inside or on a structure)

Check your local Yellow Pages under "Pest Control" for a licensed control operator. Only a licensed pest control operator can kill bees in or on a structure.

4. Africanized Honey Bee Information - call 1-800-BEE-WARY or 1-800-233-9279