

# Bees In Our Environment



- Bee-Proofing Your Home

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Africanized and European Honey Bees both like to establish colonies in hollow walls. “Bee Proofing” prevents bees from entering a wall void, attic or sub-area by sealing, caulking, patching or screening any opening larger than 1/8<sup>th</sup> of an inch. Locate places around your home that bees might want to use as nesting sites and correct them before the bees find them.

- Air vents
- Pipe holes
- Roof junctions
- Gaps under eaves
- Cable wiring holes
- Missing light fixtures
- Chimney roof junctions
- Openings in exterior walls
- Electric meter compartments
- Gaps between roofing and fascia boards
- Debris /Trash items:  
Empty containers-boxes, buckets, pots,  
lumber piles, old furniture

- Caulk gaps and cracks larger than 1/8”.



- Use stucco or plastic patching material to fix holes in walls.



- Replace with 1/8” mesh if screens are missing or the mesh is too large.



- Fix narrow gaps using insulating foam.



Major repairs to your home may require obtaining permits and coordinating with building inspectors. If there is any question about this, call your local Building and Safety Office. The tools and materials shown here are available at any local hardware or home improvement store. Any specific brands shown are not an endorsement of a particular product. They are simply an example of what type of product is used for the job.

- Fill wide gaps with steel wool or 1/8” mesh hardware.

