BEE REMOVAL DIRECTORY

Found Bees at Home?

What to Do Before You Call



Assess the situation safely

What to do first

Keep your distance and move children and pets away. Leave the bees and their entrance undisturbed. Avoid spraying, sealing an active opening, or opening a wall or soffit. If bees are attacking, get into an enclosed building or vehicle. Call 911 for trouble breathing or signs of a serious allergic reaction after a sting.

Outdoor cluster on a branch or fence

A tight cluster in the open may be a swarm. From a safe distance, note whether it is near a doorway, sidewalk, or other busy spot. Ask a beekeeper about swarm collection and any travel charge.

Bees entering a wall, roof or soffit

Repeated trips through the same opening can indicate a colony inside. Tell the provider where the insects enter and what material surrounds the opening. Ask about removing the colony and comb and who will repair the opening.

Unsure what you are seeing

Tell the provider where the insects are and describe what you see from a safe distance. Share an existing photo if it helps. Let them identify the insect and explain their options.

What to have ready

Have your ZIP code, the location of the bees, when you first noticed them, and any access constraints ready. Mention if the activity is near a frequently used entrance. Share photos only if you can take them without approaching the bees.

This homeowner guide helps you assess the situation from a distance and prepare to call a professional. Hire an appropriately qualified local provider to assess and handle an active colony.

Questions to ask when you call

- ☐ Do you serve my exact address, and how soon can you come?
- ☐ Do you handle outdoor swarms or colonies inside structures?
- ☐ Can you relocate the bees alive in this situation?
- ☐ Does the written quote include access, comb and honey removal, and cleanup?
- ☐ Who closes or repairs the opening? What is included in the price?
- ☐ What registration or license applies, and do you carry liability insurance?
- ☐ What happens if bees return? Are there travel or follow-up fees?

Provider name and estimate

Compare local providers

Visit BeeRemovalDirectory.com and search by city or ZIP code. Confirm service to your address directly with the provider.

Sources

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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