

# Honeybee Swarms



Honeybee swarms are most prevalent in Spring and early Summer but can also happen in late Summer and Fall. This is a temporary phenomenon. Swarms can remain in place a few hours or several days. A swarm is a large number of bees surrounding a queen that have left their existing hive and are looking for a new home. Scout bees are sent out from the swarm to look for their new home. During this time, honey bees are usually quite calm. If, after having ascertained they are honey bees, you feel you would prefer to have the bees removed, please contact a beekeeper on the list below and they will do what they can to capture the swarm.

Please do not spray the swarm as this will disrupt the swarm and kill the bees!!!!

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Comments: Active beekeeper and active in helping to save our pollinators. I can usually respond to active swarms with the day, sometimes immediately or within a few hours depending upon the location and my schedule. I also do trap-outs (which may require 4-6 weeks) to safely remove honey bees from structures and save the bees in the process.

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Comments: Will remove swarms up to 30 miles

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