



# 1-2 Hives (Tier A) Yearly Beekeeper Checklist on BMPs for Beekeeping

May Apply to Multiple Locations

- Online Course:** First-year registrants must complete online course.
- Registration:** Are each of your bee locations registered with AWM for this calendar year?
- Water Supply:** Are your hives at all sites provided an adequate water source?
- Fire Prevention:** Are you practicing weed suppression, have shovel, operable water supply or fire extinguisher available at all times to suppress fires near your hives in case of an emergency?
- Re-Queen:** Have you replaced your queen at least once in the previous two years?
- Regular Hive Check by Beekeeper:** are you regularly opening your hives at least once monthly to check for the presence of the known queen, health of your hive, prevention of diseases and other pests?
- Identification Information on Hive:** Do you have contact information (name, phone number) on your hive so people can contact you with questions or concerns?
- Sensitive Sites:** Are your hives at least 150 feet away from the property line of sensitive sites (schools, playgrounds, picnic areas, outdoor sports facilities, daycare centers, kennels, horse boarding facilities, senior care facilities, medical treatment facilities, and hospitals)?
- Neighbor's Use of Property:** Honey bees from your apiary are not entering adjacent properties in an amount to create interference of neighbors and their pets in outdoor activities and the normal use and maintenance of property. Online Course: First-year registrants must complete online course.
- Flyover Barrier:** Have you surrounded your hives with a 6-ft flyover barrier? (You must provide flyover barriers when you have 20 or fewer colonies at a location, unless you meet the 300 feet distance requirement to the nearest dwelling.)
- Location:** when you have 2 hives or fewer per property location, are the hives kept on the interior of the property, 25 feet from the road, 25 feet from the property line and 35 feet from the neighbor's dwelling? Are your hives 150 feet away from the property line of sensitive sites (schools, playgrounds, picnic areas, outdoor sports facilities, daycare centers, kennels, horse boarding facilities, senior care facilities, medical treatment facilities, and hospitals)?

As a beekeeper, I am aware that at any time a sensitive site could be designated in my area. I will be notified in writing and be required to move my hive(s) to the required setback distance. I am aware that San Diego County Ordinances are meant to complement and enforce existing state laws on apiaries as defined under California Food and Agricultural Code and California Code of Regulations (<http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/index.html>). I have reviewed and understand the current San Diego County Ordinance on Beekeeping (<http://www.sandiegocountybees.org>). I hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

Beekeeper's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Signature of AWM's Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* For more details on sensitive site designations in your area, please contact AWM.

Have you received any questions about the bees from your neighbors? How many and for what reason?