

# BMP CHECKLIST

## Tier A: 1-2 Hives

Below are the items beekeepers in Tier A must self-check to be in compliance with new beekeeping regulations:

- 25 feet from the road
- 25 feet from the property line
- 35 feet from neighboring dwelling
- 150 feet away from of sensitive sites

### BMPs:

- Registration
- BMP checklist
- Online Course
- Water Supply
- Flyover Barrier
- Fire Prevention
- Re-Queen
- Hive Entry Location
- Regular Hive Check
- Contact Info on Hive

Beekeepers are required to submit their signed BMP checklist yearly with their annual registration to AWM.



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### Helpful Resources

CA State Beekeepers Association  
[www.californiastatebeekeepers.com](http://www.californiastatebeekeepers.com)

San Diego Beekeeping Society  
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## Best Management Practices for Maintaining Honey Bee Colonies In Unincorporated San Diego County



Best Management Practices (BMPs) are new requirements for maintaining European honey bees. BMPs will differ depending on the number of hives per apiary location.

### Tier A: 1-2 Hives

We describe requirements for 1-2 hives per location in the unincorporated San Diego County areas. For complete information and other Tiers please contact us.



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## Best Management Practices (BMPs) Tier A: 1-2 Hives Unincorporated San Diego County

⇒Beekeepers are to submit a signed “self-assessed BMP checklist” with their apiary registration yearly.

⇒All BMPs specified in the ordinance and the checklist are required.

⇒BMP’s and other requirements differ depending on the number of hives in the Apiary.

⇒Contact AWM for complete information on the new requirements.

## BMPs: What are They? Tier A: 1-2 Hives

- ❑ **Registration:** All apiary owners shall register their hive locations with AWM in January of each year.
- ❑ **Yearly BMP Checklist:** All beekeepers will be required to submit a signed BMP self-assessment checklist as part of their annual registration with AWM. The checklist serves as a reminder list of the required BMPs and ordinance requirements that beekeepers must follow in order to be in compliance.
- ❑ **Online Course:** First-time registrants must complete an online self-paced course on beekeeping.
- ❑ **Water Supply:** All beekeepers will be required to provide a water supply specifically for bee use. The water supply must be fresh, adequate, and available to all bees at all times.
- ❑ **6-foot Flyover Barrier:** All Tier A (and Tier B) beekeepers must place a 6-foot high barrier consisting of a solid wall, fence, or dense vegetation that provides an obstruction through which honey bees cannot readily fly.
- ❑ **Fire Prevention Equipment:** All beekeepers must prevent their smokers from starting a fire. A 10-foot fire break, a shovel, a fire extinguisher or operable water hose, a smoker plug, a secondary container and the smoker completely extinguished after each use is required.
- ❑ **Re-Queen:** Beekeepers are required to abate and re-queen if production of Africanized offspring is suspected.
- ❑ **Hive Entry Location:** All beekeepers in residential areas will be required to place the openings of the beehives away from any paths used by people and animals to direct the bee flight path from contact with people or animals.
- ❑ **Regular Hive Check by Beekeepers:** All beekeepers will be required to open and check their hives at least once a month, looking for undesirable bee behaviors, pests, diseases or swarming to take corrective measures in a timely manner.
- ❑ **Contact Information on Hive:** Each hive must display the beekeeper’s name and telephone number in clearly visible letters at least 1” tall. This is necessary to facilitate communication with AWM if there is a question or complaint.

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

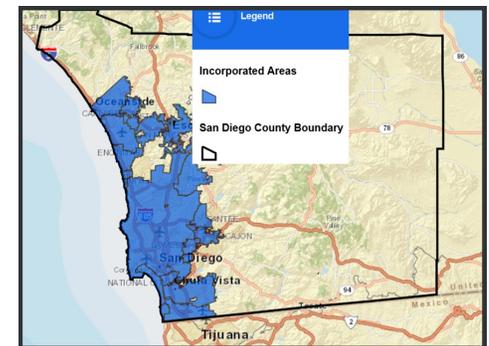
### Beekeeping Ordinance San Diego County

**Get Started:** California law requires every beekeeper to Register annually in January. As a beekeeper you must contact AWM and provide the location of your apiary. Print a Registration form at [www.sdcountybees.org](http://www.sdcountybees.org).

Annual registration is required of all beekeepers countywide, regardless of municipality or jurisdiction. The fee is \$10.00 for beekeepers with over 10 hives and no charge for under 10 hives.

Although Registration is required of beekeepers countywide, the BMP’s discussed here that are required by the revised Beekeeping Ordinance apply only to beekeepers and apiaries located in unincorporated jurisdiction of San Diego County.

### “JURISDICTION FINDER”



Do BMPs and other requirements of the Beekeeping and Apiaries Ordinance apply to your apiary?

Find out by typing the apiary address into our “Jurisdiction Finder” at [www.sdcountybees.org](http://www.sdcountybees.org).

If your bees are not located in the unincorporated area of San Diego County, please check with your local City or jurisdiction for their local bee regulations.