

Application Information Required

- ⇒ Your name, address & contact information.
- ⇒ The reason for applying (i.e. business, allergy, elderly, daycare).
- ⇒ If your concern is due to an allergy, you will need to provide a medical note completed by a physician.
- ⇒ The address of the potential sensitive site if it differs from your home address.
- ⇒ Further description of the potential sensitive site may be needed, (e.g. maps)
- ⇒ Business owners will be asked to provide a copy of their business license.
- ⇒ One application form must be completed for each location being considered by AWM as a sensitive site.



CONTACT US: Bees & Apiary Program Agriculture, Weights & Measures (AWM)

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1-800-200-2337 (BEES)

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www.sdcountybees.org

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Helpful Resources

CA State Beekeepers Association-
www.californiastatebeekeepers.com

San Diego Beekeeping Society
www.sandiegobeekeepingociety.com

Sensitive Sites for Apiaries: What Are They?



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Do the new sensitive site provisions in the 2016 Beekeeping and Apiaries Ordinance apply to you?

Find out by typing the apiary address into our “Jurisdiction Finder” at www.sdcountybees.org.

If you are in the unincorporated area of San Diego County you may apply to have your location be a sensitive site. Print out your application from www.sdcountybees.org.

2016 Beekeeping & Apiary Ordinance

There is a new 2016 Beekeeping and Apiaries Ordinance on honey beekeeping for the unincorporated areas of San Diego County.

The new regulations apply to managed hives, called apiaries. Managed hives are European honey bees maintained by a beekeeper as a hobby or a business and used for honey and/or pollination.

The ordinance sets the location requirements for managed beehives according to a tiered system that depends on the number of hives in the apiary. The new regulations allow a reduction in distances from roads, neighboring dwellings, and property lines and greater flexibility for beekeepers in locating their apiaries.

Wild nuisance hives which may be Africanized requires the services of a professional pest control company.



Sensitive Sites

With the new 2016 Beekeeping and Apiaries Ordinance, the county has a provision for certain locations to be designated as “sensitive sites” that require managed honey bees to be kept at greater distances from apiaries for a safety buffer.



Some sensitive sites are automatically designated by the new ordinance including schools, playgrounds, picnic areas, outdoor sports facilities, daycare centers, senior care facilities, medical facilities, kennels and horse-boarding facilities. Other sensitive sites may be designated by AWM through the “OPT-IN” application process.

Who may apply to “OPT-IN” as a sensitive site?

Honey bee stings pose a risk for certain individuals. Locations where these individuals live or work may “OPT-IN” as a sensitive site by applying to AWM. Sensitive site applicants may be:

- » Property operators, owners, or residents who have medical reasons;
- » Businesses with employees who have medical reasons;
- » Businesses where bees could cause a nuisance during normal work activities.

Applications can be found at www.sdcountybees.org or at the County Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures offices.

