Eco Bee Box



Bees Changed My Life



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First Hive



What is a swarm?

Where did they come from?

How long have they been there?

Why did they swarm?

When is best to collect them?

One is a swarm, one is not





Swarm













THE WRONG WAY: REMOVING BEES

<u>Dumb, dumb, dumb, dumb.</u> Start at :30

Why is it there?













How Long Has it Been There?





Any Hives Closeby?









Questions to ASK?

- Anything flowering
- Is it a ball, what size
- Is it grey or white
- Do the bees have yellow on them
- How long have they been there
- Have you seen them there before

- Have anyone sprayed them with anything
- Is it on your property
- Has anyone else been called
- Do you know a beekeeper close
- How did you know to call me

Risks

- You know nothing of this colony
- Disease
- Pesticides
- Fleeing mites
- Aggressive
- Swarming trait
- Is there a queen

- Your skills
- Your equipment
- Are you prepared
- Where do they want to be
- Water source
- Food supply
- Shade













Rules of Swarms and Cut-Outs

Don't...

- ...put capped honey or sticky comb back in with the bees
- ...bring bees back to your apiary initially
- ...touch anything until you have a waiver signed
- ...use equipment you are not familiar with
- ...think everything is okay
- ...assume it is a swarm
- ...forget to ask if they were sprayed
- ...forget to ask how long they have been there and if they were ever there before
- ...cut into any structural supports, wires or plumbing
- ...travel with beehives open

Do...

- ...ask if they have yellow
- ...ask for them to send a photo of one or a group of them
- ...take comb with eggs and larva
- ...ask if they are on blossoms
- ...know your risks
- ...understand bee diseases
- ...learn from each job, and use every job as a teaching moment
- ...be prepared (equipment)
- ...be thorough
- ...take pictures
- ...have a hive ready, don't put it together right then
- ...have options available
- ...have a feeder source ready
- ...know the bee season
- ...be safe first
- ...have a water source ready

What has to be done?

- Tree
 - How high
 - How big
 - It is hollow
 - Trap out
 - Kill

- Building
 - Electrical
 - Plumbing
 - Support
 - Cheapest way
 - Repair
 - Ladder
 - Damage
 - Kill



















































Cut-outs with Mini Equipment













If killed, what then?



Tree Removal























