



**Chester County
Beekeepers Association
Honeybee Swarm Capture List
Spring 2013**

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HONEYBEE SWARMS

Assistance available from beekeepers

A honeybee cannot live alone but depends on the colony for survival. To propagate the species, a swarm (about half the colony and the queen) moves to a new home. The other half of the colony remains in the hive and raises a new queen. In Southeastern Pennsylvania, most swarms emerge in April, May and June.

After exiting their former hive, the swarm may settle on a tree branch, a bush or the side of a building. The swarm normally forms a football-shaped cluster of bees that may be up to three feet long. Scout bees fly from the swarm to look for a new home in a hollow tree or in the eaves of a building. When a suitable spot is found, the scout bees direct the swarm to it. The bees then construct a new honeycomb nest with wax they produce themselves begin to gather nectar and pollen for food, and to raise young.

If you find a swarm of honeybees on your turf and don't want it there, members of the Chester County Beekeepers Association (CCBA) listed at the end of this article are willing to remove the swarm. Time is of the essence. Once the swarm has entered its new home, removal of the honeybees is much more difficult and may involve opening the wall of a house to get to the bee colony. This is generally beyond the capability of most beekeepers, so contact one of them while the bees are still clustered in a swarm.

Honeybees are a valuable part of nature because they pollinate crops, produce honey, beeswax, pollen and their stings are widely accepted as an aid in the treatment of arthritis. So, as you observe them swarming, contemplate this marvelous phenomenon and call a beekeeper to remove the swarm and put it to beneficial use. The listed members of CCBA will remove honeybee swarms, usually at no cost.

The Chester County Beekeepers Association takes no responsibility for the services provided by its members. This information is provided only as a public service.

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The following Chester County beekeepers want to capture swarms of honeybees:

SOUTHERN and WESTERN CHESTER COUNTY:

Dan Borkoski	443-854-6533	or	sunbearapiary@gmail.com
Paul Johnson	215-990-0036		
Cindy Faulkner	610-235-7869		
Susan Corkran	610-388-6323		(Mendenhall, Kennett, Unionville only)
Caryn/Gordon Hetherston	302-584-0022	or	610-274-0392
Kelly McGrory	484-844-0416		kel800@yahoo.com
Sam B. Fisher	610-593-6904		
Don Coats	610-388-7613		
Jessie Gontaz	610-593-1949		
Joelle Cutrona-Buzzard	484-639-4204	or	215-859-8295
John Facticeau	302-229-0607		

NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY:

Howard Frysinger	610-858-4859		
Keith Jardine	484-879-6468	or	610-291-3438

CENTRAL CHESTER COUNTY:

Jeff Bryer	484-888-6546		
Greg Aubel	610-384-4726	or	gaubel@juno.com
Chris Biondi	484-432-2741	or	teslallc@comcast.net
Jarl Mork	610-793-2564		
Carmen Batavia	610-331-6279		

MAIN LINE and DELAWARE COUNTY:

Noah Gress	610-304-9511		
Warren Graham	610-565-2032		
Paul Niemczura	610-761-9748		
Chuck Dallara	610-574-9990		
Jim Castellan	610-565-9845		
Ed Notebaert	410-935-0776		
Hazel Delikatny	610-446-2529		
Beverly Rorer	610-789-2324		

HONEYBEES REMOVED FROM BUILDINGS:

Warren Graham	610-565-2032		
Sam B. Fisher	610-593-6904		
Keith Jardine	484-879-6468	or	610-291-3438

REMOVAL OF WASPS, HORNETS AND BUMBLE BEES FROM HOUSE WALLS:

Warren Graham	610-565-2032		
Sam B. Fisher	610-593-6904		
Keith Jardine	484-879-6468	or	610-291-3438
Chris Walker	610-945-6366	or	chris.walker43@verizon.net

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610-235-7869 or sidecarhoney@gmail.com