



Chester County Beekeepers Association Honeybee Swarm Capture List for Spring 2015

See names listed by geographical area on Page 2 & 3 of this document.
These beekeepers want to capture swarms of honeybees.

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.

For more information, contact:

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2015 Swarm Capture List of the Chester County Beekeepers Association (CCBA)

The following beekeepers want to capture swarms of honeybees:

SOUTHERN and WESTERN CHESTER COUNTY

Carol Stanley	610-563-7611	carjoestanley@yahoo.com
Vidya Rajan	610-806-2079	
Charlie Hall	610-212-6565	
Willie Williams	484-667-1448	careforbees@gmail.com
Joelle Cutrona-Buzzard	484-639-4204	
Eric Paulson	610.308.7683	esp@kanewolf.com
Dan Topp	610-613-9499	
Dan Borkoski	443-854-6533	SunBearApiary@gmail.com
Susan Corkran	610-388-6323	(Kennett Square, Unionville, Mendenhall only)
Cindy Faulkner	610-235-7869	
Bob Buzzard	215-859-8295	
Kelly McGrory	484-844-0416	kel800@yahoo.com
Matthew Byrne	360-775-1708	
Paul Johnson	215-990-0036	
Bob Angelo	484-354-3967	madduc@comcast.net
Charlie Karat	610-350-1021	
The Broughton Boys	610-384-2384	swarmbuster@911honey.com

NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY

Jack McMichael	484-680-0876	jmcmich552@aol.com
Thomas Frederick	610-384-3066	
Howard Frysinger	610-858-4859	
Jared Spidel	484-558-0395 or 610-864-1571	
Rod Merrill	610-256-4128	
Michael Chen	610-613-1525	
Keith Jardine	610-291-3438	ccbakeith@gmail.com
Brent Lunger	610-251-0530	
John McIlvaine	484-888-6891	
Janet Owens	484-614-9435	

CENTRAL CHESTER COUNTY

Tom Dunmire	484-693-0540	ccbatom@gmail.com
Samuel B Fisher	610-593-6904	
Scott Verzinskie	484-571-4593 or 484-889-1051	
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Jim Bobb	610-584-6778	JimBobb@pabeekeeper.com
Jeff Bryer	484-888-6546	jeffbryer@comcast.net
Carmen Battavio	610-331-6279	
Tracy Phelan	610-505-5064	
Chris Biondi	484-432-2741	teslallc@comcast.net

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Greg Bazis	484-716-9000	
Warren Graham	610-565-2032	
Tom McKinney	610-800-2232	mckinney672002@yahoo.com
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Bill Downs	610-446-2758	vinmaker@gmail.com
Sharon Quigley	410-916-1188	
Ericka Hahn	484-336-4340	
Suzanne Roose	610-999-0336	

HONEY BEES REMOVED FROM BUILDINGS

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Samuel B Fisher	610-593-6904	

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

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