

# BEE QUICK GUIDE

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## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND BEES ON YOUR PROPERTY

1. STAY AWAY FROM ALL HONEY BEE SWARMS AND COLONIES.
2. GET AWAY FROM BEES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
3. WHILE RUNNING AWAY PROTECT YOUR FACE AND EYES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
4. TAKE SHELTER IN AN ENCLOSED AREA SUCH AS A CAR, TRUCK OR BUILDING.
5. CALL A LOCAL BEEKEEPER, PEST CONTROL COMPANY, OR LOCAL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT FOR ASSISTANCE.
6. DO NOT HIDE IN WATER OR THICK BRUSH.
7. DO NOT STAND STILL AND SWAT AT BEES; RAPID MOVEMENTS WILL CAUSE THEM TO STING.

## WHAT TO DO IF STUNG

1. GET AWAY FROM BEES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. GO TO A SAFE AREA AWAY FROM THE BEES SUCH AS INSIDE A CAR, TRUCK OR BUILDING.
2. PULL OR SCRAPE STINGS FROM SKIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOST VENOM IS RELEASED WITHIN 1 MINUTE.
3. WASH STUNG AREAS WITH SOAP AND WATER LIKE ANY OTHER WOUND TO PREVENT INFECTION.
4. APPLY ICE TO RELIEVE PAIN AND SWELLING.
5. SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION:
  - IF BREATHING IS DIFFICULT,
  - IF STUNG MANY TIMES, OR
  - IF ALLERGIC TO BEE STINGS.

Print and place on your fridge for quick reference guide

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