

Information/Agreement....Honeybee Colony Removal

Homeowner(s) or authorized persons requesting removal_

Location of Colony:

Name(s) of beekeeper performing removal: Cary Voss -Pleasant Green Apiary

1. Beekeeper will provide all tools and equipment at the location of the building necessary to remove and relocate the colony. Electrical power and/or water provided by owner.
2. It is not the intent of the beekeeper to kill or eradicate the colony. The beekeeper will exercise every precaution to keep the vast majority of the colony alive; however some loss will be unavoidable.
3. Demolition of parts of walls, ceilings, parapets, or other construction may be necessary. Removal of feral bee colonies from existing structures is tricky with some unknowns. It is impossible to determine the extent and size of the established colony until a part of the existing structure is opened up to expose the bees and comb of the colony for removal.
4. Because of the demolition involved it is difficult to determine exactly how long the removal process will take. It will likely be a minimum of several hours or more.
5. Removal of the bees, brood and comb is necessary to insure that they will not once again return to inhabit the structure at that location. Only the necessary portions of the structure will be removed to allow access to the colony in its entirety, but it is understood that it is impossible to pre-determine exactly how much of the structure will have to be removed.
6. The removal process will begin as soon as possible. The beekeeper will be looking for ideal weather conditions to conduct the removal of the colony for the safety of both colony and beekeeper little or no wind, moderate temperatures, no rain. Therefore it may be necessary for the beekeeper to give homeowners as little as one day's notice of when the removal will occur.
7. **Beekeeper will not be responsible to replace or rebuild any part of the building or supply any materials to repair the damage to the structure that was necessary to remove the colony.**
8. It is the beekeepers intent to remove the bees and comb, and to relocate the entire colony in a timely manner once they are placed into standard beekeeping equipment. Bees, brood, comb, honey etc. become the sole property of the beekeeper.
9. **BEEKEEPERS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR BEE STINGS TO ANY PERSON(S) ON OR NEAR THE LOCATION OF THE COLONY REMOVAL.** The beekeeper will take precautions to remove the bees in a professional manner. The beekeeper will not be responsible for individuals being stung if they wander in the general location of the building during the removal process. Honeybees are generally mild mannered and not prone to unprovoked stinging, however the removal process, and the means necessary to

remove this colony of undetermined size, is an intrusion not normally conducted when manipulating bee colonies. In short, the bees will not be very happy with saws, hammers, and demolition to their established home. For the safety of all individuals it is strongly recommended that the general area surrounding the removal of the colony be avoided by all persons while the beekeeper(s) is working.

10. Once the colony of bees has been removed from the structure and relocated into proper beekeeping equipment, it may be necessary to leave it on site for approximately 24 hours until the relocated colony settles into the new equipment. The bees will then be removed from the location and a follow-up inspection of the removal site will be performed. Removal of the hive will occur after dark when the bees have moved into the hive for the night.

11. The cost of colony removal shall be: _____

Beekeeper (Sign/Date) _____

Homeowner (Sign/Date) _____