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## Obtain the Necessary Equipment.



The right equipment is needed for raising honey bees, and producing honey and wax for sale or hobby.

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## Obtain & Establish Your Bees.



There are three common European honey bee varieties to choose from and you need to select a reputable honey bee supplier.

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## Learn Proper Hive Maintenance.



Healthy honey bee hives require constant monitoring, cleaning, and an easily accessible food source.

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## Are You Ready for Beekeeping?



Have you learned the ins and outs of beekeeping? Have you joined a beekeeping club?

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## Steps to

# Beekeeping

Raising bees is a fascinating, fun and rewarding endeavor that many enjoy in their own backyards. In recent years, backyard beekeeping has grown in popularity in San Diego County. However, it requires planning, knowledge and a modest investment of time and money to be successful and safe. Learn more about these ten steps of considerations and practices recommended by the University of California Cooperative Extension, which when followed, will help you be a successful beekeeper.



For more detailed steps visit:  
<http://ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/>

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## Check Local Laws for Eligibility.

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## Understand your Commitment Level.

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## Know your Safety Procedures.

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## Know your Bee Biology.

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## Choose a Location for your Hive

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## Choose the Right Hive for your Needs.



Honey bees are living creatures that need attention like any other domesticated animal.

Hive location is important for you, your neighbors, the community and the honey bees.

There are three common hive types and choosing the right one for your conditions is important.