



## Tier C (21 hives or more) 2022 BMP Checklist for Beekeeping

This checklist is required to be submitted by beekeepers with apiaries located in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County. Its purpose is to remind beekeepers of the Best Management Practices (BMP) required by the County bee ordinance. Please check boxes for BMP requirements that are practiced at your apiaries and submit with your apiary registration. This form can be used for all registered apiary locations of the same Tier level. If a BMP is not applicable, write N/A next to the check box and explain.

- Online Course:** First-time registrants must complete the UCCE online beekeeping course [https://ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/Online\\_Beekeeping\\_Course/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/sandiegobees/Online_Beekeeping_Course/).
- Registration:** Are each of your bee locations registered for this calendar year?
- Water Supply:** Is there an adequate water source provided for your hives at each location? If the water source was not introduced or maintained and bees are visiting an unintended water source (ex. swimming pool, water fountain) beekeeper may need to relocate bees temporarily to resolve the issue.
- Fire Prevention:** Are you practicing weed suppression, have a shovel, and operable water hose or fire extinguisher available at all times to suppress accidental fires?
- Bee Smokers:** Do you use a fire resistant smoker plug to prevent embers from escaping smoker? Do you have a noncombustible container with secure lid in which to put the smoker?
- Re-Queen:** Have you requeened your hives with known European honey bee (EHB) mated queens (preferably marked) whenever you:
  - establish hives from wild swarms and colonies OR
  - observe your bees displaying over defensive behavior OR
  - when your queen becomes less productive or weak such as every two years?
- Regular Hive Check by Beekeeper:** Are you opening your hives at least once monthly to check for: over-defensiveness, presence of a productive EHB queen, apiary pests/diseases, sufficient food stores and swarm prevention? Are you taking corrective action in a timely manner?
- Identification Information on Hive:** Do you have your name and phone number displayed on your hives for contact by Apiary Inspector, Pesticide Applicator or First Responder?
- Location:** If you have 21 hives or more per property location, are they kept on the interior of the property that is 100-foot-or-more from road and 300-foot-or-more from neighboring dwellings?
- Sensitive Sites:** If you have 21 hives or more per property location, are they kept 450-foot-or-more from property line of sensitive sites (ex. schools, daycare centers, playgrounds, picnic areas, and facilities for outdoor sports, senior care, medical treatments, and animal housing)? A sensitive site could be designated in your area at any time, and you will be notified in writing and required to move hive(s) to the required setback distance. For more details on sensitive sites please contact our office.

I am aware that San Diego County Ordinances complement and enforce existing state laws on apiaries as defined under the California Food and Agricultural Code and California Code of Regulations (<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/docs/Laws-Bee-Management.pdf>). I have reviewed and understand the current San Diego County Ordinance on Bees and Apiaries (<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/awm/bees.html>). I hereby certify the foregoing to be true and correct.

Company Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Beekeeper's Printed Name & Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

County Rep. Printed Name & Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_