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Beekeeping

LOCATION & CONFIGURATION

Basic Tools & Clothes

- Hive Tool, Cleaning Wipes
- Smoker, Smoker Fuel, Lighter
- Jacket & Veil, Beekeeping Suit, Gloves

Basic Hive Box Equipment

- Hive Solid Bottom Board/Screen Bottom Board**
- Hive boxes are 10-frame or 8-frame equipment.** A deep brood box is 9 $\frac{5}{8}$ ". A medium box is 6 $\frac{5}{8}$ ", used for a Brood or a Honey Super. Frames for a deep box are 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ " and frames for a medium box are 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ".
- Foundation for deep frames is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and for medium frames is 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ ".** Inner cover with telescoping top cover or migratory top cover; queen excluder.

Where Do I Put My Hive?

Must-Haves

- 20 feet of space around hive
- 100 feet of clearance from sidewalks, porches, doors, pet areas, and frequent people/pet activity
- Flightpath out of hive (where no people walk)
- Level surface
- Low wind/temperature swings (avoid roofs)
- Nearby water source (natural or man-made)

Optional Additions

- Enough space to keep more than one hive (enables resource sharing)
- Space between hives to help bees differentiate between colonies
- Urban areas with irrigated gardens
- Location hidden away from roads and surrounding neighbors
- 24/7 access to location



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Basic Hive Setup

- Telescoping Top/Outer Cover: covers/protects hive
- Inner Cover/Crown Board: closes off beehive so outer cover can be easily removed
- Honey Super: provides more space for honey storage
- Queen Excluder: prevents queen from entering honey supers/leaving the hive
- Hive Body (Deep/Brood Box): main living quarters for colony/queen lays eggs/raising broods/honey and pollen storage
- Bottom Board: protects hive/supports hive boxes

Outer Cover/Roof

Inner Cover/
Crown Board

Honey Supers

Queen Excluder

Deep/Brood Box

Bottom Board/
Floor

Stand



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