



## Agriculture / Weights & Measures Community Services Group

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### **BEE REGISTRATION NOTICE**

#### **To All Beekeepers:**

This is to remind you that California State law requires ALL colonies of bees maintained within the county be registered with our department **each year** beginning on January 1.

***IT IS NOW MANDATORY THAT BEEKEEPERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE.  
THERE WILL NO LONGER BE AN ANNUAL FEE.***

Please note that you must still send in your crop report information separately to this office. When giving crop report data, include honey production within San Bernardino County only. Pollination performed anywhere in the state can be included by those bees considered based in San Bernardino County.

**In giving locations of apiaries, do so by indicating a town or well-known landmark along with an accurate distance and direction from the road.** Ranch names, streets and/or road numbers may also be used. Accuracy in registering locations will help to prevent your bees from being killed due to pesticide applications or "abandoned hive" nuisance complaints.

**Migratory Beekeepers:** If you do not have any bees in San Bernardino at this time, please indicate the approximate number of colonies you expect to have here during the honey flow season.

In order for us to be of assistance in protecting your bees from injury resulting from pesticide applications, you must register with an accurate location. *Beekeepers are not entitled to recover damages from losses resulting from pest control operations unless the affected party is properly registered, the subsequent movement reported and the apiary is correctly identified by a sign.*

Please remember that prior to locating or maintaining an apiary, WRITTEN PERMISSION of the property owner and/or occupant shall be obtained BEFORE the apiary is located on a premise not owned or leased by the person responsible for the apiary.

**Each apiary not on your own home property must be identified by a sign showing the operator's name, address and phone number in black letters at least one (1) inch high.**

**The County Bee Ordinance will be enforced.** Please use common sense in choosing locations. Be sure there is an adequate supply of fresh water available **before unloading your bees**. All bees located near Edison and other utility poles should be placed two hundred-fifty (250) feet away from these poles. This will prevent the bees from becoming a nuisance and possibly prevent having to move them to another location.

**Your prompt cooperation in complying with the above requirements is greatly appreciated.  
If you have any questions, please call our office at 909-387-2105.**

Regards,

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