

Now What...? Helping our clients protect their homes



How do I bee proof your home?...

To prevent bees from settling in your house or yard, keep all holes and cavities in trees or outside walls filled or covered. Cover the hole of water meter boxes with a rock and check regularly. Remove any trash or debris that might serve as a shelter for bees, such as over turned clay pots. Solitary, foraging honeybees are often attracted to swimming pools as a source of water. Bees may be discouraged from using your pet's water and bird baths as a watering hole by adding two (2) table spoons of vinegar per gallon of water. Individual bees gathering pollen and nectar from flowers should be left alone.

Common Hive Locations...

Where a gable roof soffit meets a hip roof, a dormer soffit connects back into the roof or around your chimney into the soffit. Half way up the wall of a two story where the brick meets the wood or Hardie siding about 8 to 10 feet up. In the weep holes under a window. In the cavities under bay windows.

Useful Products...

Here are some of the best materials to use to seal holes in your home and business, 1/8" hardware cloth (galvanized mesh) to restrict large holes and weep holes, it can be purchased



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from Circle S Hardware; 27206 FM 2978, Magnolia, TX 77354-5151; (281) 356-7970. Siliconized mortar by Quikrete can be found at Home Depot in the mortar section this is to be used between the wood and the brick. Use clear paintable caulk to seal cracks in siding. Backing rod is a gray round foam rod which is used in large cracks to help hold the caulk in place while the caulk dries.

Afterwards

Bees will be attracted to where the old hive was located for years. Bees will continue to be drawn for 7 to 14 days. The structure, tree or other location will need to be sealed when the honeybees stop accessing the hive cavity to salvage any useable resources which can be taken with them. At this point the wall should be closed and sealed to prevent bees from moving back in or in a cavity close by. Sealing bees in is always a bad idea even after the honeycomb has been removed.



The listed independent honeybee removal specialists have similar practices which include assisting in the removal and education of the general public, while conducting themselves in an ethical manner.

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