

## **Honey Bee Swarm List**

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### **HONEYBEE SWARMS**

#### **Assistance Available from Beekeepers**

A honeybee cannot live alone but depends on the colony for survival. To propagate the species, a swarm (about half the colony and the queen) moves to a new home. The other half of the colony remains in the hive and raises a new queen. In southeastern Pennsylvania, most swarms emerge in April, May, and June.

After exiting from their former home (hive), the swarm may settle on a tree branch, a bush, or the side of a building. The swarm normally forms a football-shaped cluster of bees that may be up to three feet long. The swarm sends out scout bees to look for a new home in a hollow tree or in the eaves of a building. When a suitable spot is found, the scout bees direct the swarm to it. The bees then construct a new honeycomb nest with wax they produce themselves, begin to gather nectar and pollen for food, and raise young.

If you find a swarm of honeybees on your turf and don't want it there, members of the Chester County Beekeepers Association (CCBA) listed at the end of this article are willing to remove the swarm. Time is of the essence. Once the swarm has entered its new home, removal of the honeybees is much more difficult and may involve opening the wall of a house to get to the bee colony. This is generally beyond the capability of most beekeepers, so contact one of them while the bees are still clustered in a swarm.

Honeybees are a valuable part of nature because they pollinate crops, produce honey, beeswax, and pollen, and their stings are widely accepted as an aid in the treatment of arthritis. So, as you observe them swarming, contemplate this marvelous phenomenon and call a beekeeper to remove the swarm and put it to beneficial use. The listed members of CCBA will remove honeybee swarms, usually at no cost.

The Chester County Beekeepers Association takes no responsibility for the services provided by its members. This information is provided only as a public service.

**2011 Swarm Capture List of The Chester County Beekeepers Association**  
**The following individuals capture swarms of honeybees**

**SOUTHERN and WESTERN CHESTER COUNTY**

Dan Borkoski 443-854-6533 or dborko9@yahoo.com  
Susan Corkran 610-388-6323 (Mendenhall, Kennett Square, Unionville only)  
Alice O'Mullane 610-368-4412 or 610-932-3444 weekends only  
Walt Broughton 610-384-2384 or swarmbuster@ccis.net  
Charlie Karat 610-998-1407  
Sam B. Fisher 610-593-6904

**NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY**

Howard Frysinger 610-858-4859  
Linda Crisanti 610-353-5806 or lpcrisanti@gmail.com  
Sam B. Fisher 610-593-6904  
Ray Champ 610-692-6408  
Brent Sanders 610-913-6416 or brent4376@yahoo.com  
Warren Graham 610-565-2032

**CENTRAL CHESTER COUNTY**

Jeff Bryer 484-888-6546  
Jonathan Hemley 484-678-2978  
Jan Cauffman 610-408-9124  
Brent Lungert 610-251-0530  
Paul Niemczura 610-993-7511  
Howard Frysinger 610-858-4859  
Jarl Mork 610-793-2564  
Warren Graham 610-565-2032

**MAIN LINE and DELAWARE COUNTY**

James Castellan 610-565-9845  
Jan Cauffman 610-408-9124  
Richard Huey 484-888-3902  
Noah Gress 610-304-9511  
Warren Graham 610-565-2032  
Joseph Kurman 610-447-0786 or 484-477-7399  
Beverly Rorer 610-789-2324  
Roz Benton 610-284-7780  
Hazel Delikatny 610-446-2529 or hazdeli3@gmail.com  
Paul Niemczura 610-993-7511

**Removal of Honeybees, Wasps, Hornets and Bumble Bees from House Walls**

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Walt Broughton 610-384-2384 or swarmbuster@ccis.net  
Sam B. Fisher 610-593-6904  
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