

HONEY DO LIST

Monthly Beekeeping Checklist



APRIL

April is when things begin to turn around for the bees. The temps are consistently warmer and blooms are just around the corner. It is important to keep feeding them until they can feed themselves. This is when the majority of you will restart your colonies with packages, and when survivor hives begin to ramp up for the coming spring.

CHECKLIST

- If your hive didn't survive, make sure your hive is ready for your new bees, which could arrive at any time.
- Install bees into brand new hives and hives that didn't survive.
- Sort reusable comb and harvest any that are unusable. Save the bad comb for future wax rendering.
- If your hive had mice we recommend doing a diluted bleach rinse on the empty hive, and letting it air dry completely before putting anything back in.
- If your hive survived, continue feeding the 1:1 water:sugar until you see flowers blooming. It's always nice to plant a patch of early blooming flowers near your bees to give them the earliest possible spring start.
- If your hive survived but the queen is struggling, consider requeening the hive.

***This checklist was created for beekeepers specifically in Midwest, USA. It may need to be adjusted for other beekeepers based on weather, location and other environmental factors. This list will be updated and variations will be created over time as needed. If you would like to help with the development of these checklists, please, contact us.

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