

# HONEY DO LIST

## Monthly Beekeeping Checklist



## NOVEMBER

November is the month to just "Be Prepared" for anything as an Eagle Scout would say. Make sure you are ready for a weird, late fall where the weather is still warm or for a blistering cold snap that could case your bees to struggle to stay warm. This really is your last chance to make sure your bees are ready for a long sleep and you have to put them to bed for the winter, so be sure to kiss them good bye and prepare some things to check on them every so often during the months ahead.

### CHECKLIST

- **Observation:** Look at how much honey the bees were able to produce over the season. Plan accordingly for how well you think they are prepared to make it through the winter.
- **Action:** Feed your bees. There are a number of ways to feed your bees. Choose one based on the resources available to you.
  1. Put stored bars of honey back into the hive. Be sure to arrange the bars correctly. Look at the [OCTOBER HONEY DO LIST](#) for more information on this.
  2. Cut up honey comb and put into Ziploc bags (liquid raw honey from the hive works, too!). Cut an X into the bag, leave on top of a section of top bars and be sure the bees can get to it.
  3. Honey Bee Tea (used when honey resources may be low) [Click Here](#)
  4. Sugar Syrup (last choice) You can read how to make this [Here](#)
- **Observation:** Is your hive ready for winter? Have you made sure look at wind patterns, pests, precipitation, etc. to be sure that your hive is in the most protected location (for you) possible?
- **Action:** Your winterizing gear should all be in place at this time.
  1. Here's a link to the [Beepods Winterizing Kit](#)
  2. For other beekeepers there are 3 main things to worry about; insulation/moisture control; windbreak; pest defense. You can read more [Here](#).
  3. **Plan:** If you are going to move your hive, wait till the weather stays consistently below 40 degrees for at least 5 days straight.
- **Suggestion:** Plan your inspections around the weather. Remember, it is good to be sure that the relative temperature of the area directly outside of the Beepod is at least 50 degrees F.
  1. **Action:** Read [OCTOBER HONEY DO LIST](#) for specific Inspection Instructions

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- **Action:** Once the temperature drops to an average of 40 degrees F, use the Beerito. It is the best wind block for those not placing their Beepod in an outbuilding or shed. At this time, also, be sure the vent boards remain closed. Stay aware of the night temperatures specifically for this step, as that is when the damage can be done.
- **Observation:** Pay attention to your bees throughout the winter.
  1. Cleansing flights will take place on warmer days. [Read more here.](#)
  2. Brood will not be made during this time.
  3. Watch for signs of intruders.
- **Action:** Track what's going at your hive and always note in the Healthy Hive Inspection™ Software.
- **Action:** Spend the winter reading and learning about bees.

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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