

What About Free Bee Removals?

"Come and get FREE bees"!

"Please come and save the bees or I will spray them".

"Do you re-home bees for free"?

"But don't you sell the honey"?

"But don't you get the bees in payment"?

Beekeeping often involves risks such as falling (ladders, roofs, etc.), stings from unmanaged. It involves costs such as hive equipment, gas, time, insurance, etc.

The colony we remove from you today may never turn a profit. Why? The cost of the hive equipment and time involved may be lost if the colony decides to leave for "greener" forage. It also takes a year for a colony to make enough honey for a harvest and that is not even guaranteed, especially with drought.

Asking beekeepers to remove bees for free is like asking a pest control company, electrician, doctor, plumber, tutor, or any other service oriented company to provide a service for free.

It is often necessary to cut into a roof, stucco, drywall, shed floor, etc. This takes at least 4 hours and usually averages 6 hours on site. Sometimes it can take longer for more extensive removals. In addition, we often have several more hours of work off site to relocate the bees to their new home. Thus, each person involved in the process (usually 2) works a 6-10 hour day per "cut out" removal.

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