



Winterizing My Beehive Checklist

WINTERIZING MY BEE HIVE:

1. FOOD

- Reduce the hive by taking off all the honey supers.
- Reduce entrances and consider using a mouse guard.
- Look for your healthy and fertile Queen.
- Look for some brood
- If you don't see a Queen and brood, you may want to order a new Queen as soon as possible
- Combine weaker hives with stronger hives.
- Move the frames filled with honey so they are surrounding the bee cluster on each side and above (if using the Langstroth hive). This will allow for them to more easily move around through the winter to get to their food source.
- Provide pollen patty
- Provide sugar water in the early spring

2. HIVE BOX CARE

- Fix any bottom boards, boxes, frames or covers that need repairs
- Put together and paint any new boxes

3. MEDICATION

- Mites:
 - Medication used: _____
 - Purchased from: _____
 - Date Purchased: _____ Date Used: _____

- Hive Beetles:
 - Medication used: _____
 - Purchased from: _____
 - Date Purchased: _____ Date Used: _____

- Disease _____:
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4. SHELTER

- Build protection from wind out of pallets or straw bales if needed

5. INSULATION

- Wrap hives with insulation

6. SURROUNDING AREA

- Are there tall weeds or grass that needs to be taken care of so rodents and pests don't set up residence near your hive?
- Is your hive in danger of flooding and need to be moved to higher ground?
- Are there any dead tree branches above the hive that could break off and fall in a wind storm?
- Do you live in an area where bears might want a tasty treat? (Install electric fence)

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