



MANN LAKE
BEE & AG SUPPLY



WOODEN CAGE PACKAGE BEE INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

To give your bees the best chance of survival install them right away. If temperature is below 40°F please refer to “tips for cold weather installation”. Make sure the bees have access to sugar syrup.

TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER INSTALLATION

If the weather is too cold to hive your bees (under 40°F) Here are some tips to keep them warm and healthy until you can install them.

Place your package of bees in a dark, cool area (garage, basement, ect.) Temp should be 50° to 70° F

- Once inside, try not to break the cluster
- Apply a light mist of sugar water to the screens of your package twice a day
- Try to install your bees as soon as possible

YOU WILL NEED



Protective Clothing



Hive Tool



Mini Marshmallows
(For Mini Queen Cage)



Spray Bottle w/ Sugar Water
(one cup sugar in one cup
room temperature water)

THE QUEEN GUARANTEE

Our company guarantees the Queen to arrive alive at the provided shipping address. We guarantee the queen to be fertile and begin laying brood within 14 days of receipt. We DO NOT guarantee a successful introduction or that the queen will be accepted by the hive. Many factors outside our control influence queen introduction success.

CARE AFTER INSTALLATION OF PACKAGE BEES

Feed the bees heavily until the colony is well established (at least the first 3 weeks) using Pro-Sweet liquid feed or a 1 to 1 sugar water mix. If using sugar water you may also wish to consider adding a stimulant such a ProHealth, which prevents fermentation and is mixed with sugar water. Do not add a second deep or supers until bees have drawn out 7 to 10 frames. We recommend an in-hive Pro Feeder to ensure bees have access to feed no matter the temperatures.



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PROSWEET LIQUID FEED

Step 1: Put on your protective clothing.

Step 2: Start your hive with only one hive body. Remove 4 to 5 frames from the center of the hive and set aside. Place entrance reducer on the smallest opening as the exit. (Keep entrance reducer in place until colony is well established, this generally takes a week).

Step 3: If you received more than one package, you will need to separate by pushing them apart where they are connected. Always work one package at a time.

Step 4: Remove the feed can and queen cage. To remove the queen cage from the package, the following steps must be done relatively quickly to prevent bees from escaping:

- Lightly mist the bees in package with sugar water using the all-purpose sprayer. Skip this step if installing when the weather is below 40°F.
- Tap package of bees on ground lightly to drop bees to bottom of the package.
- Remove feed can and set aside.
- Remove queen cage and store in a safe space out of the wind and cold (if your queen is dead, please contact us within 24 hours.)

Step 5: Install the queen and package bees

- Spill the bees out of the open hole where you’ve removed the can, dump out of the top.
- Flip the package so the open door is over the hive.
- Rock the package back and forth while tapping the bottom and sides of the package, dumping the bees into the opening created by the frames you removed. NOTE: Most of the bees will fall out during this process.
- Place the near empty package at the hive opening. Any remaining bees will enter the hive.

INSTALLING YOUR QUEEN CAGE

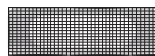
Step 6: Replace 3 or 4 frames into the center of the hive, being cautious to avoid squishing bees. Leave one frame out of the center of the hive to allow enough space to install queen. Install queen cage and use the appropriate method below based on your specific cage:

QUEEN CAGES



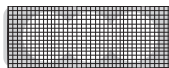
JZBZ Plastic Queen Cage

Remove the cap closure from the candy tube on the queen cage. To install the queen cage, slide the toothpick through the skinny end of the cage. Do not impale the queen!



Mini Wooden Queen Cage

Carefully remove the cork and replace with a mini-marshmallow. Take care not to release the queen.



3 Hole Wooden Queen Cage

Carefully remove the cork from the end with the candy.

Step 7: Attach and suspend the queen cage between the middle two frames so that it will not fall. Make sure that you’ve faced the screens towards front of the colony.

Step 8: Place inner cover over the hive and outer cover in place.

Step 9: Feed bees. See “Care after installation of package bees”

3-5 days after installing your package bees, check on the queen to make sure that she has been released from her cage. If the queen has not been released on the 5th day, manually release her by holding the cage close to the hive and using your hive tool to pull back the plastic tab allowing the queen to walk out of the cage and onto the frame. Once the queen is released into hive, replace the frame on the end that was removed for spacing purposes during installation.

Recheck the queen in 10 to 14 days to ensure you can see eggs and larvae present in the hive. If no eggs are larvae present in the hive, fill out a claim on our website.