



Installing packages, nucs, & swarms

Choosing a site



- **Mostly sunny location**
- **Firm, level site (2x2 concrete paver?)**
- **Face south if possible**
- **Convenience**

Preparing for inspection consider goal

- Pollen coming in entrance? Yes? Likely queen is in hive
- Operating temps and conditions
- Queen released from cage?
- Remove Queen cage
- Burr comb / bee space correct?
- Eggs? 7 to 14 days
- Visible Queen? Marked Queen
- Food availability
- Comb construction/hive build up

On the big day

- **Have hive site ready with entrance reducer & feed**
- **For pick up arrive early or on time**
- **Once home, lightly spray bees**
- **Ready hive, removing covers and frames**
- **Prepare safety equipment & deploy, gear & food supplement**
- **Remove wood cover (caution remove staples)**
- **Spray package lightly**
- **Tap package on firm surface twice?**
- **Spray package lightly**
- **Tap lightly & spray if needed**
- **TAKE A DEEP BREATH!!!!!!**
- **Pull feed can and set aside**
- **Remove staple & pull strap to remove queen cage & inspect**
- **Slide wood cover over hole**
- **Remove cork from Queen cage, install creating proper spacing**
- **Install crawl up method or shake out**
- **Crawl up method remove extra equipment within 24 hours**

Inspection demeanor

- Inspection times consider current conditions
- Inspect from the rear of the hive
- Use smoke (sugar water) not too much
- Watch bees reaction
- Move slowly
- Don't crush bees
- Bee space is crucial
- Proper safety attire
- Take notes



First inspection

- After 7 days ish, warm sunny conditions during middle of day
- Safety equipment, smoker\sprayer & tools
- Entrance inspection (possible pollen?)
- Remove telescoping cover & gently remove inner cover
- Mist lightly with sugar water
- Remove edge frames create space to remove queen cage frame
- Inspect queen cage
- Remove any bur comb & queen cage
- Install all 10 frames checking bee space
- Gently install inner & outer cover
- Next inspection 10 to 14 days
- Plan weekly inspections weather permitting
- Take notes

Nuk install

Have hive site ready (feeder & feed)

For pick up Arrive early or on time

- Place nuk at hive location
- Deploy safety gear & open entrance
- Let nuk rest for a bit or (install directly?)
- Remove frames from hive to create space
- Light smoker/ready sugar spray
- Lift outside frame from nucleus colony
- Center nuk in hive body. Add? frames between food & brood
- Replace frames in order of removal inspecting during this process
- Install covers (careful not to smash bees)
- Develop an inspection plan every 7-10 days adding space as necessary



Swarms

- Test for bees
- Be gentle
- Reduce entrance
- Feed?
- Rest about 14 days

Swarm trap?

generally non aggressive

inspect every 7 to 10 days

