

# ★ BACKYARD BEEKEEPING CHECKLIST ★

Looking for beehive equipment? Then you've come to the right place! Murdoch's carries bee boxes, beehive kits, and other beekeeping supplies that will help you keep your hive healthy, happy and thriving. Here's a list of equipment (and why it's important) to help you get started on the road to successful beekeeping:

## HIVE EQUIPMENT

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- ☐ OUTER COVER protects the bees from harsh weather.
- ☐ INNER COVER insulates hive from heat or cold.
- ☐ HONEY SUPERS are where bees will store honey and where a beekeeper will extract honey at the end of summer.
- ☐ HONEY FRAMES sit inside of the supers and is where honeycomb is made.
- ☐ QUEEN EXCLUDER allows worker bees to pass through but not the queen bee.
- ☐ BROOD CHAMBERS/DEEP SUPER are where eggs are laid and where bees store honey over winter.
- ☐ ENTRANCE REDUCER protects hive from intruders; prevents too much cold air from entering the hive during winter.
- ☐ BOTTOM BOARD creates an entrance into the hive and helps control Varroa mites.
- ☐ STAND promotes airflow and helps prevent the wood from rotting.

## CLOTHING

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- ☐ SUIT or JACKET, GLOVES, and VEIL to protect yourself when checking and installing hives.

## ACCESSORIES

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- ☐ BEE FEED provides proper nutrients for new bees with the first month and should be given upon installation.
- ☐ IN-HIVE FEEDERS to fill with bee feed and place in your hive.
- ☐ HIVE TOOL to pry open your hive, separating frames from the hive and scraping off excess and wild comb.
- ☐ UNCAPPING ANGLE KNIFE to cut off honey cappings before extraction.
- ☐ BEE BRUSH to gently sweep bees away from your hive or from unwanted spaces.
- ☐ BEE SMOKER & PELLETS to help relax your hive and reduce aggressive behavior while you manage your hive.
- ☐ DEEP BROOD BOXES to make splits, catch swarms, and for use as a honey super.
- ☐ POLLEN PATTIES stimulates growth and production for new bee packages and during spring, fall, and winter.

## EXTRAS

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- ☐ COMB SCRATCHER to puncture capped honey prior to extraction and will help open cells that an uncapping knife won't reach.
- ☐ FRAME GRIPS to help pull frames from the hive without crushing bees.
- ☐ 5 GALLON HONEY BUCKET for honey extraction.
- ☐ HONEY METAL EXTRACTOR for the easiest honey extraction from the frames.
- ☐ HONEY SIEVE to screen particles and wax from honey after extraction.
- ☐ ELECTRIC FENCE for those who live in bear country. Ask a store associate for more information.
- ☐ FLOWERS! Check out our Lawn & Garden Department and ask our bee associate for more information.

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