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Obtain the Necessary Equipment.



The right equipment is needed for raising honey bees, and producing honey and wax for sale or hobby.

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Learn Proper Hive Maintenance.



Healthy honey bee hives require constant monitoring, cleaning, and an easily accessible food source.

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Obtain & Establish Your Bees.



There are three common European honey bee varieties to choose from and you need to select a reputable honey bee supplier.

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Are You Ready for Beekeeping?



Have you learned the ins and outs of beekeeping? Have you joined a beekeeping club?

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Steps to

# Beekeeping

Raising bees is a fascinating, fun and rewarding endeavor that many enjoy in their own backyards. In recent years, backyard beekeeping has grown in popularity in San Diego County. However, it requires planning, knowledge and a modest investment of time and money to be successful and safe. Learn more about these ten steps of considerations and practices recommended by the University of California Cooperative Extension, which when followed, will help you be a successful beekeeper.



For more detailed steps visit:  
<http://ucanr.edu/sites/sandigobees/>

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**Check Local Laws for Eligibility.**



Local governments likely have local beekeeping laws that need to be followed.

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**Understand your Commitment Level.**



Beekeeping is an expensive hobby and requires a time investment. Are you willing to invest the needed time and effort?

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**Know your Safety Procedures.**



Be prepared. Poor safety habits can lead to painful or costly consequences.

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**Know your Bee Biology.**



Honey bees are living creatures that need attention like any other domesticated animal.

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**Choose a Location for your Hive**



Hive location is important for you, your neighbors, the community and the honey bees.

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**Choose the Right Hive for your Needs.**



There are three common hive types and choosing the right one for your conditions is important.