

APIARY REGISTRATION FORM COMPLETION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete the contact information at the top of the form, including email, if applicable.

The “Apiary # or Name”: if the hives are located at your home address, this can be designated as “Home Yard”. You may also use a specific name or number if desired.

The “# of Colonies” is the total number of hives (full size hives, and/or nucleus colonies) established at a given apiary location as of the application date. Note: Close estimates are acceptable, if necessary.

The “911, or GPS Address” will be specific for each apiary location. In most cases, if the apiary location is at your home address (specific house number and street address) we can verify the GPS using our system, and you can indicate: “Same as home 911 address”. If you have a P.O. Box, please provide the 911 address for the apiary location. If you have additional apiary locations that do not have a 911 address, please provide GPS coordinates in the following format: 44.34567, -73.34567 (example).

As required by 6 V.S.A. Chapter 172, it is the duty of every person having one or more colonies of bees in their possession or under their control to report the location of such colonies. It is essential that apiary inspectors know the locations of all colonies of bees in Vermont in order to effectively control honey bee diseases and pests.

The funds generated by this fee will be used to support the apiary program by hiring a seasonal inspector to assist in the inspections of hives around Vermont. Other anticipated benefits would be a much needed update of the Agency’s apiary database; to have more accurate statistics of the number of beekeepers, hives and locations; to have GPS mapping of bee yard locations in the event that beekeepers have to be notified of mosquito or other spraying activities due to the discovery of EEE, West Nile Virus or other potentially harmful diseases or pests that could affect human or livestock health, agricultural commodities, and to assist apiary inspectors in the locations of apiaries.

If additional forms are needed, please copy this form, download a copy from the Apiary Page on the Agency website at www.agriculture.vermont.gov, (from the Home Page, select “Food Safety and Consumer Protection”, then “Apiary”), or contact our office at (802) 828-2436.

The registration period is from July 1 to June 30. Per 6 V.S.A. Chapter 172 Sec. 3022, there is an annual \$10 registration fee per apiary location.

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact the Agency at (802) 828-2436.

Please remit payment to:

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