



## Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club membership benefits

### OUR MISSION

We are a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting our members and others interested in honeybees by providing opportunities to develop and improve knowledge and skills in beekeeping. We promote public awareness of the benefits and the necessity of the honeybee.



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### MENTORSHIP

Get connected with a helpful and experienced beekeeper.



### SWARM MAP

Be added to our club's swarm map for access to free bees!



### EMAILS

Bi-weekly info about events, education opportunities, and monthly tips



### AFFORDABLE

\$20 /year for a family membership.



### RENT EQUIPMENT

Rent club-owned harvesting supplies to eliminate personal costs.



### JR BEE CLUB

Bring the whole fam!  
We have activities just for the kids.



## BEGINNING BEEKEEPER FAQ



Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club

## REMEMBER...

Like livestock, bees require active management. Unlike a dog or cat, you can't just feed your bees and leave them alone. There are many threats to bees and intervention is required to keep the hive alive and thriving. It's not magic, but it's possible with dedicated time, resources, and education.

## WHAT'S THE COST?

Prices depend on your hive configuration and materials. An assembled hive will cost approximately \$225; unassembled are less. Basic protective gear and tools cost approx. \$125. A package or nuc of bees will cost about \$150 per hive.

## WHAT TOOLS DO I NEED?

Bee suit, hive tool, smoker, and gloves.

## WHERE CAN I BUY STUFF?

TVBC member Mike Morrison sells hive materials locally at reasonable prices. A PDF of materials, prices, and contact info is on our website - [www.idabees.org](http://www.idabees.org). For large orders of both tools and building materials, we recommend ordering online from Mann Lake.

## HOW MANY HIVES TO START?

We recommend starting with 2 hives so you can compare them to each other. However, many people start with just 1 until they build their confidence.

## HOW DO I GET BEES?

Local suppliers begin taking orders as early as January. You can buy a package or a nuc, which cost approx. \$150 each. They are available for pick up in April or May. Some TVBC club members sell bees. Please ask an officer for this year's vendors.

## HOW MUCH SPACE IS NEEDED?

It is recommended to have at least ¼ acre. What's most important is that you have a good location for your hive that will get morning sun and stay dry.

## ARE BEES ALLOWED IN MY CITY?

Every city in our area, except Kuna, allows bees. However, please check with your homeowner's association policy. And always talk with your neighbors.

## HOW MUCH TIME IS INVOLVED?

It varies by season. Spring and summer are busy at about 15 mins/hive at each visit. Two visits a month is average but you may want to spend more time getting accustomed to your hives as a new beekeeper. Summer honey extracting takes several hours per hive. Fall is about 15 mins/hive each visit. And in winter you may spend just 5 mins/hive each month. Additionally, researching and educating yourself is important to new beekeepers and takes dedicated time.

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