

Bee Keeping Requirements:

Residents are permitted to keep bees on their property without any approvals from the City of Rockingham, as long as the bees do not create a nuisance.

Residents that would like to keep bees should consider the following, to minimise the likelihood of the bees causing a nuisance:

- Hives should be located as far from other buildings, footpaths and public places. It is recommended that a 10m distance be achieved,
- Hives should be located at least 5m from boundary fences;
- The hive should be enclosed on all sides; and
- An adequate and permanent supply of water should be provided on the property, and within 10m of the hive.

If the City receives verified complaints of bees at a property creating a nuisance, then the City may issue a Notice under the Local Government Act for the removal of the bees.

Beekeeper Registration and Hive Brands:

In order to maintain high biosecurity standards, beehives need to be registered with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development.

To be a beekeeper in Western Australia it is a legal requirement that you register with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

For further information on registration please contact the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development on:

Telephone: 1300 374 731

Email: enquiries@dpiird.wa.gov.au

Nuisance bees:

Bee swarms are relatively common in September, October and November in Perth.

When bees swarm they are unlikely to sting. When a cluster of bees is seen hanging on a tree branch or similar, they are generally in a transition, waiting for the scout bees to find a new location. This might take a few days, but almost invariably they will move on their own accord.

If a bee swarm becomes established, there are many beekeepers who are available to remove the cluster of bees as opposed to destroying them. The City has a list of bee removalists, who generally operate for a small fee.

For further information please contact the City's Health Services on:

Telephone: 9528 0333

Email: customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au