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off to a great start!**

**We want you to see
your colony flourish.**

We strive to supply your quality products at the lowest price. We love getting to know our customers and want to provide the BEST customer service! So, stop by and visit us the next time you're in the area and rest awhile on our front porch in one of the rocking chairs and take it all in!

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STEPS TO SUCCESS IN STARTING A BEEHIVE FROM A PACKAGE

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At Beez Needz, we want our customers to have the most successful experiences possible with their honeybees. Our beekeeping and customer experience tells us that the best outcomes in starting your colony from a package can be achieved by following the suggestions below.

Packages are a collection of many colonies with an unfamiliar queen. At the time of pick up we provide a viable queen and 3lb of bees. We cannot offer a warranty on packages past the time of pickup. Please contact us with concerns about queen viability the same day of pickup.

If you are unable to install them immediately after bringing the package(s) home, keep them within a temperature range of 55-60°F and in darkness, if possible, to minimize bees flying before they are installed. Try to install them within the first few days after getting them home, to give them a better start.

Give your bees at least a week to settle in before you open the hive for an inspection!

STEP 1: Have your beehive already set up with frames in place, on a stand. Also have sugar water (1:1) in a spray bottle, a feeding system to give your bees 1:1 sugar water, and your protective gear in place. It's a good idea to have a smoker handy, even though a package installation usually goes more smoothly without smoke.

STEP 2: Inspect the package to make sure that most of the bees are alive. (It's normal to have a few dozen bees dead in the package by the time you install them.) Also make sure that the syrup can, and queen cage are present.

STEP 3: Lightly spray the bees with sugar syrup, avoiding the queen cage. Holding the package upright, bump it onto the ground or hard surface, to knock the bees down onto the floor of the package box.

STEP 4: Carefully remove the lid that covers the can of syrup, then remove the can from the package box. Remove the queen cage from the box, and quickly replace the package lid onto the package box, as some bees may fly out during this step.

STEP 5: Inspect the queen cage to make sure that the queen is alive; report to us ASAP if the queen is not alive. Place the queen cage in a warm, safe spot while you install the rest of the bees.

STEP 6: Remove 3 or 4 frames from the center of the hive, to give the bees more room to enter the hive. Bump the package box once more onto a hard surface, then remove the lid and shake the bees into the hive. Leave about 200 bees in the package box, setting it down near the hive. Gently replace the 3 or 4 frames that you removed from the hive earlier.

STEP 7: Install the queen cage in the middle of the hive, between two frames with the candy side up or parallel to the frame top bars. Then retrieve the package box, and after bumping the remaining bees to the floor or side of the package box, shake them into the hive on top of the queen cage.

STEP 8: Close up the hive and immediately begin feeding them 1:1 sugar water. Be prepared to feed your bees steadily for the following three to six weeks.