

2010 Honeybee Swarm Catchers List

Important information to consider before calling a beekeeper on our list:

- Mt. Baker Beekeepers Association publishes an annual list of members who are available to retrieve honeybee swarms from many Whatcom County areas. This is generally a free service, benefitting both citizens and beekeepers.

- Honeybee Swarms are docile and harmless. Swarms occur in late spring and summer. A swarm is a dense cloud of flying bees which eventually settles in a tree or bush, then forms a tight cluster to stay warm and protect their queen. They are intent on finding a new home after having left their old, overcrowded home. Remember, swarms are not aggressive, though there are always “guard bees” on duty. The guard bees will sting if the swarm is threatened. Leave the swarm for a beekeeper to deal with, or just leave it undisturbed and it will usually leave in a day or two. A clustered swarm is just stopping temporarily as honeybees do not fly at night.

- Our beekeepers service most areas of the Whatcom County. Please check to see that they service your area before calling. The sooner you call after sighting a swarm, the better the odds of successfully capturing it.

- Beekeepers will first ask a few questions on the phone to determine if the swarm consists of **Honeybees**. They are not prepared to deal with other types of bees, wasps or hornets.

- Beekeepers capture swarming colonies of honeybees in order to replace hives lost over the winter or to increase the number of hives in their apiaries.

- Beekeepers may decline to capture a swarm if it's in a dangerous location or inside the wall or roof of a building. Beekeepers are not responsible for property damage once you have asked them to remove a swarm. You may be asked to sign a permission form.

- Questions? Michael Jaross michaeljaross@gmail.com 676-9214 home 483-9754 cell

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Mt. Baker Beekeepers Association
mtbakerbeekeepersassn.org
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<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Coverage Area</u>
Cathy Brooking and	(360) 733-2978 Home	Whatcom & N. Skagit Counties
Mindy Collins	592-5317 Home 778-7962 Work	Bellingham, Everson, Deming
Paul Cullman	(360) 384-0743	Ferndale, Custer
Russell Deptuch Bees Choice Honey	380-5426 Home 815-3989 Cell	Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine, Birch Bay, North Whatcom County
Cathy Duren	671-0351 Home 303-1642 Cell	Bellingham, Everson, Ferndale, Whatcom County
John & Janille Dutton	733-5415 Home 303-0104 Cell	Bellingham, Marietta
Jody Gerdts	756-0549 home (920) 202-1356 cell	N. Bellingham, Whatcom County
Michael Jaross	676-9214 Home 483-9754 Cell	Fairhaven, Chuckanut, Lake Padden, WWU
Jim LaHatt	676-8332	Downtown Bellingham
Jim Lyons	(360) 733-2480	Geneva
Bob Mosher	(805) 689-9315 (360) 592-2310	Deming, Acme, Kendell, Glacier
Rod Parks	(360) 384-6444 Home (360) 296-0229 Cell	Ferndale, Custer, Birch Bay, Lynden
Jon Raney	(360) 393-2965	North Bellingham to Ferndale
Sean Slocum	(360) 371-2390 Home (360) 393-0211 Cell	Ferndale, Custer, Birch Bay, Blaine
Anne Smith	(206) 226-8732	Everson
Paul Spinelli	(360) 734-1116	Bellingham
Kirk Spoelstra	(360) 384-0770 Home (360) 820-8083 Cell (360) 733-5184 Work	Ferndale, Custer, Birch Bay, Whatcom County
Allan Waller	(360) 739-3047	Ferndale
Peter Willing	360-592-0939	Mt. Baker Hwy, Rome, Cedarville, Deming
Roger Woods	734-8355 Home 201-9089 Cell	Bellingham, N. B'ham

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