



BEES

As the weather warms up bees begin to become active and swarm. Typically bees are not aggressive while moving to a new location in order to establish a hive. Often they will rest in trees or on an object in a large ball. If left undisturbed they will usually move on within hours or the next day.

Mohave Valley Fire District will respond to bee calls only if they are a threat to people, pets and/or livestock.

When to call 911 for help with bees:

- Should a life-threatening situation occur.
- If someone has been stung by many bees at once or has an allergic reaction to a bee sting.
- If someone has become trapped in a building or car with numerous bees.

Mohave Valley Fire District will respond to the scene and remove any patient(s) from danger and begin emergency medical treatment if needed.

If you are attacked by bees:

- Protect your head and eyes, cover them if possible.
- Run indoors immediately, or into the shelter of a vehicle.
- Do not flail your arms.
- Check for bee stings and remove the stingers.
- Call 911 if experiencing an allergic reaction or have numerous stings.

Mohave Valley Fire District does not respond to "pest control" requests such as the killing of bees that are not posing an immediate threat.

For non-emergency help or to have a nest or colony removed contact a bee removal or pest control business listed in the yellow pages.

Do not aggravate bees or try to destroy them. Do not throw items at them, attempt to dislodge or remove them with a shovel or rake, burn them, pour gasoline on them or treat them with pesticides.

Bees play an important role in pollinating plants and it is estimated that one third of the human food supply depends on insect pollination, most of which is accomplished by bees.