



Bee Buddies Application



INSTRUCTIONS: If you would like to participate in the Bee Buddies Program, please complete the following application in full. Successful applicants will receive a stocked mason bee nesting box at the beginning of the bees active season (mid-March). To cover the cost of materials, we charge a \$30 participation fee, payable upon installation of your nest box.

If your habitat seems to support our minimum placement criteria, we will contact you to schedule a site visit. All applicants will be notified of their submission status by March 7.

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST Zip Code	
Personal Phone	
Work Phone	
E-Mail Address	

1. **Do you own ___ or rent ___.** If you rent, stop here. At this time we are only able to enroll applicants who own their property.
2. **Do you use herbicides, pesticides, or other chemicals in your yard, orchard, or garden?** Yes ___ No ___ If you use chemicals, stop here. Bees are in decline due in large part to exposure to pesticides. For this reason, Bee Buddies is only open to people who use pesticide-free, organic practices.
3. Mason bees will pollinate any blooming plants within a 200-300 ft. radius of their nest box from mid-March to late May. **Please indicate how many of the following plants are within 200-300 feet of what you think would be the most likely location for your nest box.** (Plants may be located off your property.)

___ Fruiting trees or shrubs

___ Vine Maples

___ Red Flowering Currant

___ Willow

___ Maple trees

___ Indian Plum

___ Oregon grape

___ Blueberries

___ Red-osier dogwood

On the lines below, list any other plants you have that bloom mid-March to late May.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. **How large, in square feet or acres, is your property?** _____.

Please mark all habitats present within 200 ft. of your property. Record a habitat type only if it is adjacent to your property line.

Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial or commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands (wooded) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evergreen woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural fields (plowed or fallow) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deciduous woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Freshwater (river, lake, or pond) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed deciduous/evergreen woods | <input type="checkbox"/> Other_____ |

5. The female mason bee needs access to moist clay soil to build the chamber walls in the nesting hole. Check our website for how to provide mud.

Do you have or can you provide a source of mud for the bees? Yes_____ No_____

6. We prefer to install nesting boxes on stable existing structures. They need to face east and be at eye-level height. **In the space provided, draw a rough sketch of your property indicating where your building(s) and fruit trees or native plants are and where you think the nest box should be installed. Indicate where any active bird feeders are located.**

7. When are you available for us to install a bee nesting box? Check all that apply.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Weekdays			
Weekends			

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