

# Honey Bee Removal Rule - Update

## GADOA-SPCC Rule Chapter 620-9 CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF HONEYBEES FROM STRUCTURES

- 1) Included in the Rules of the Structural Pest Control Commission effective 7/01/2021**
- 2) All removals except free hanging swarms require a license and contract.**
- 3) Honeybee Removal Operator Certification**
  - a) 8 hours of approved training with a minimum 70% test score.**
  - b) Participation in 3 honeybee removals supervised by a licensed operator**
  - c) Application submittal to SPCC**
  - d) Payment of operator certification fee**
- 4) Not currently being enforced while roll out and training are being planned.**
- 5) First training class planned for spring 2022 Young Harris Beekeeping College**
- 6) Currently working on how to satisfy the experience requirement for initial applications**
- 7) Enforcement expected to begin 01/01/2023**

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- 1) Rule can be found at <http://www.agr.georgia.gov/honeybee-control-and-removal.aspx>
- 2) To be included in rule update notifications email [sandy.shell@agr.georgia.gov](mailto:sandy.shell@agr.georgia.gov) and request to be added to the 620-9 email notification list