

Help with Honey Bee Swarms

Honeybees usually swarm during warm months. Swarming is how they reproduce the colony and make more colonies in an area. First new queens are started. The old queen quits laying eggs and her abdomen gets smaller so she can fly. When the new queens are ready to emerge, the old queen takes part of the colony and flies away. The bees stay in a tight grouping as they fly. They will land on various places, including buildings, tree branches, and machinery, to rest and give the scout bees a chance to find a new home. As the bees are resting, some bees are continuously flying around, which can be quite frightening. Many beekeepers will remove swarms or assist in their control. Beekeepers on this list have agreed to be available for this service.

County	Name	Phone Number	City
Broadwater	William & Cynthia Ward	(406) 458-0312	Helena
Cascade	Martin Skierka	(406) 452-5476	Black Eagle
Cascade	John Barrow	(406) 264-5798	Fort Shaw
Cascade	Brian Rodgers	(406) 781-6331	Great Falls
Cascade	Caryl Ward	(406) 452-6906	Great Falls
Daniels	James Rodenberg	(406) 653-2565	Wolf Point
Daniels	Jim Rodenberg	(406) 653-1488	Wolf Point
Flathead	Ken Lambeth	(406) 849-5039	Big Arm
Flathead	Arvon & Helen Fielding	(406) 756-7511	Kalispell
Flathead	Thomas Lawrence	(406) 837-4545	Bigfork
Glacier	Martin Skierka	(406) 452-5476	Black Eagle
Jefferson	William & Cynthia Ward	(406) 458-0312	Helena
Lake	Ken Lambeth	(406) 250-8433	Big Arm
Lake	Bruce Basler	(406) 883-4848	Polson
Lewis & Clark	William & Cynthia Ward	(406) 458-0312	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Edward D Heinlein	(406) 443-8556	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Frank Miller	(406) 227-5776	East Helena
Lewis & Clark	Robert Ream	(406) 443-2595	Helena
Lewis & Clark	Steve Platt	(406) 449-8245	Helena
Lincoln	Robert D McLaury	(406) 293-3022	Libby
McCone	James Rodenberg	(406) 653-2565	Wolf Point
McCone	Jim Rodenberg	(406) 653-1488	Wolf Point
Missoula	Harry & Eloise Simons	(406) 825-3414	Clinton
Ravalli	Arthur D Callan	(406) 961-4652	Corvallis
Ravalli	J D Loucks	(406) 363-6662	Hamilton
Roosevelt	James Rodenberg	(406) 653-2565	Wolf Point
Roosevelt	Jim Rodenberg	(406) 653-1488	Wolf Point
Sheridan	James Rodenberg	(406) 653-2565	Wolf Point
Sheridan	Jim Rodenberg	(406) 653-1488	Wolf Point
Stillwater	Patty Sundberg	(406) 322-5780	Columbus
Teton	Lloyd & Brenda	(406) 466-5803	Choteau
Valley	James Rodenberg	(406) 653-2565	Wolf Point
Valley	Jim Rodenberg	(406) 653-1488	Wolf Point
Yellowstone	Nick Doll	(406) 252-2618	Billings