

South Walton County Mosquito Control District has access to the list of all registered beekeepers in South Walton County.

All beekeepers must register their hives with the state or they don't exist.

As per Florida Statutes-586: all beekeepers in the State of Florida are required to be registered with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and will be issued a permanent registration number at the time of registration and will be required to renew annually on the anniversary date of the registration.

[http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App\\_mode=Display\\_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0586/0586ContentsIndex.html](http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&URL=0500-0599/0586/0586ContentsIndex.html)

### Protecting Pollinators

We will not spray the hives during daylight hours. If beehives are in a residential area, we may spray after dark, due to other citizens' needs. The bees are not out foraging during this time and it's when mosquitoes are most active.

We adulticide with a truck-mounted ULV designed to target mosquitoes. The droplet size of our products are too small to have an effect on bees. (<https://www.mosquito.org/page/pollinators>)

### Recommendation for Hive Placement to reduce exposure

Hives should be placed 300ft from road.

In protective areas (such as under tree canopies, opposite side of house/ fence or bushes).

### Mosquito Spray Notifications

South Walton County Mosquito Control District offers a notification service via email prior to most nighttime applications of adulticides.

<https://southwaltonmosquitocontrol.org/subscribe/>

### Beekeeper Resources

AMCA Protection of Our Pollinators

<https://www.mosquito.org/page/pollinators>

University of Florida IFAS: Honey Bee Research & Extension Lab

<https://entnemdept.ufl.edu/honey-bee/beekeeper-resources/pesticides/>

HONEY BEEKEEPING IN FLORIDA

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/entity/topic/beekeeping>

MINIMIZING HONEY BEE EXPOSURE TO PESTICIDES

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/in1027>

EPA: Protecting Bees and Other Pollinators from Pesticides

<https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection>

FDACS: Bees/Apiary

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Bees-Apiary>

Beekeeper Registration

<https://www.fdacs.gov/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Registrations-and-Certifications/Beekeeper-Registration>

For Mosquito Control Law see: Florida Statutes Chapter 388

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