# Installation and Care of Your NUC 

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## Prior to NUC Pickup

- Have your Location Prepped and ready-
- Setup the Hive Stand
- Setup Your Bottom Board
- Box-4 or 5 frames ready ( 4 if you are using 8 frame boxes. 5 if you are using 10 frame boxes.


## NUC Pickup

- Plan to pick up your bees and take them back to their new home.
- It is easy for bees to overheat. Do not leave them in the car.
- The bees will be sealed in their cardboard nuc box.


## Opening the Cardboard NUC

1. Light your Smoker
2. Put your Protective Gear On.
3. Set the Cardboard NUC next to their new home.
4. Gently puff 2 or 3 times into the vents on the cardboard Nuc with the Smoker.
5. Open the Plug on the Box.
6. Open the top of the Box.
7. Use sugar water spray to spray the bees down before moving the frames.


## Installing the NUC into its new home

- Place two or three ( 2 for eight frame boxes) frames with flat wax on one side of the box in their new home.
- Add the frames of the actual NUC in order for the next 5 frames
- Finish filling the box with frames with its flat wax until
 the box is full.


## Now What?

- Feed your bees until the brood boxes are 70 per cent full.
- Check on your nuc about 10 days after the installation.
- When they have filled 70 per cent of their frames with drawn comb, put another box on it.
- Continue feeding your bees.
- Check on your nuc every 10 days to make sure they have room.
- Your Goal is to get the bees ready for winter. That means that you want 2 deeps full for the brood or 3 mediums full.
- Remember that it is inexpensive in the long run to feed your bees rather than to lose your bees to starvation.
- If you have any questions feel free to email us at


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