

## GOOD BEEKEEPING PRACTICES | Apiary Set-up and Maintenance

### Setting Up the Apiary

## Avoiding obstacles for the bees

**Bees fly-line should be free from impending obstacles.**

**Obstructions can take the form of trees, shrubs, overgrown grass, buildings, roads with traffic, stones, stacks of materials, machinery, hilltops and roaming animals.**

In some cases, some natural or artificial obstruction (e.g. hedges / fences) must be foreseen if the apiaries are too close to areas where people pass by or conduct their daily activities and compliance with legal distancing is required, but if the hives cannot be moved to another better place their location should still enable the bees to fly out of and back into their nest quite freely.



step 1

Ensure the hives, especially the hive entrances, are free from obstacles. Make sure there are no obstructions such as high grass, other plants, or snow in the winter.



step 2

Use gardening tools to remove obstacles. Employ tools such as electric trimmers, a scythe, or secateurs to cut away any obstructions.



step 3

Wear appropriate safety gear. This includes a bee-tight suit, gloves, and a beekeeper hat, especially when using electrical or combustion-powered tools near the hives.



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