BTHENET Bee Stronger Together

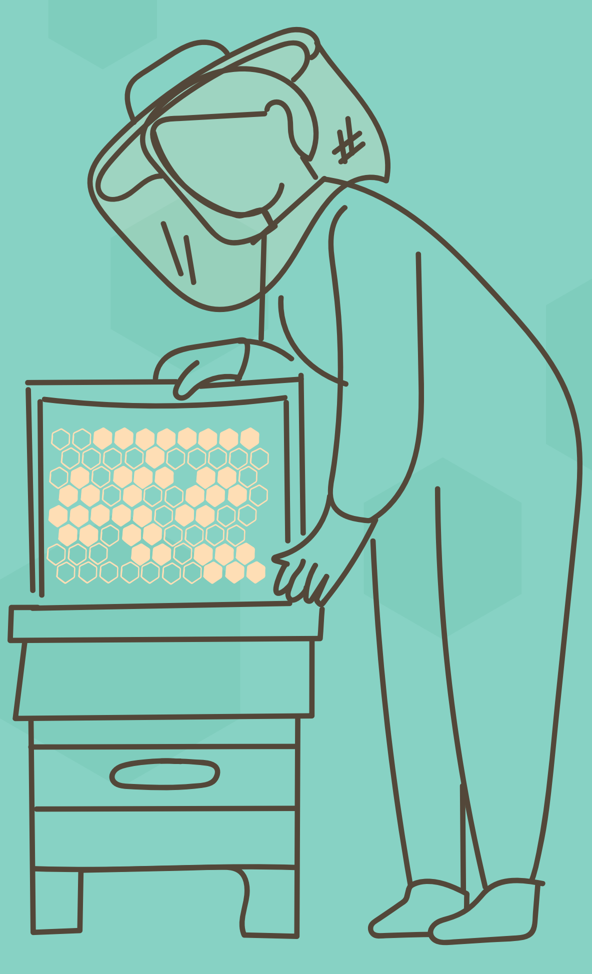
Kit for Beekeepers

GOOD BEEKEEPING PRACTICES | Bee Feeding and Watering

Hygiene

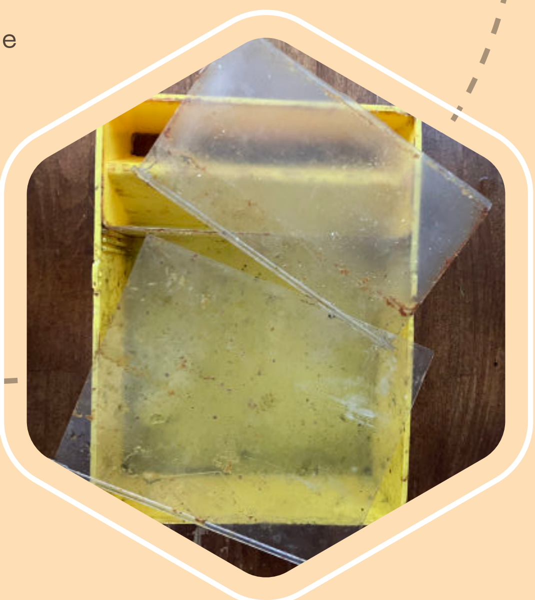
Clean the feeders after feeding the bees

To avoid mould in the feeders and degradation of the equipment, clean them from the old sugar solution after use. Water and soap are enough as cleaning agents.



step 1

When you're done feeding the bees, you can optionally remove the middle bee spacer if there is some syrup left at the bottom. In this way, the bees can access and eat (and clean) the last bits, before you remove the feeders. Do not do this if the remaining syrup is spoilt.



step 2

Remove the feeders and take them to a place with access to tap water.

If there are removable parts, consider separating them, to make more thorough cleaning easier.

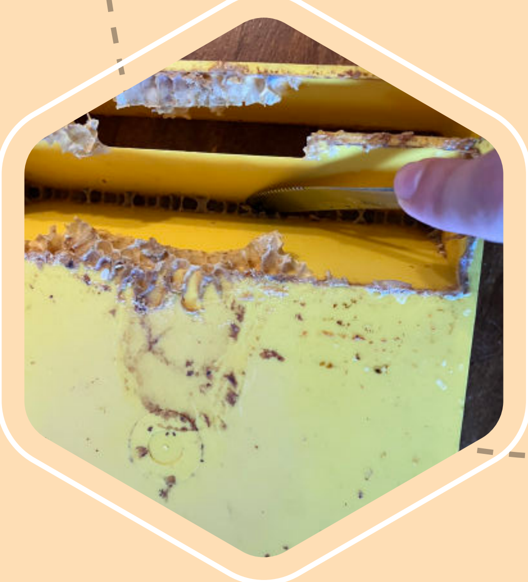
step 3

Remove any crystallised sugar if present.

Do not do this at the beeyard itself. You can easily break slabs of crystallised sugar with a spoon for example. If fluid syrup is still present, remove it with water.

step 4

Scrape off wax and propolis attached to the feeder with a hive tool or a regular knife.



step 5

A knife might be more convenient to clean locations that are difficult to access.

step 6

Clean the feeder with water and soap.

Make sure to wipe off possibly present mould. Rinse off the soap with water.

A more thorough disinfection is not needed as long as there was no infectious disease present in the beehive.

step 7

Also consider the ease of cleaning of feeders when buying them.

Feeders with a lot of corners, hard to reach parts and hinges are more difficult to clean.

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