

the Buzz ON SOLITARY BEES!



PRO TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL HABITAT

FOOD - SPRING BLOOMS



After a long winter slumber bees will be hungry and seek out early spring blooms

MORNING SUN



Set up bee shelter in warm morning sun

NESTING MATERIAL



Use nesting material you can easily pull apart and clean cocoons. Tubes or stacking trays are best.

MUD



Mason bees use mud for the nest. Dig mud hole 10 feet from block.

NO PESTICIDES



Do not use any pesticides in your garden or soil

CLEAN EVERY FALL





Mason bee cocoons need to be harvested every fall to remove harmful predators

Great for Gardens



RELEASE
SOLITARY BEES
INTO YOUR
GARDEN



They pollinate 95% of the flowers
they land on and pollinate over
2,000 blossoms a day

Mason bees

emerge from cocoons
in early spring





They have no queen or hive,
so they are non-aggressive and
DO NOT STING

90% of Bees are Solitary



THEY ENRICH
& STRENGTHEN
OUR
ECOSYSTEM



Every female lays her own eggs,
gathers her own food and finds
holes in their habitat to lay her babies

How they Nest

MASON BEES Pollinate in the Spring

They use mud to cap off their nesting chambers and leave a
pollen loaf inside for their baby and then it spins a cocoon



LEAFCUTTER BEES Pollinate in the Summer

They use leaves and flower petals to wrap their
baby in a "leaf sleeping bag"



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Release bees & Rent nesting blocks

ALL KITS INCLUDE
EVERYTHING YOU NEED
TO HOST BEES

MASON BEE Fall Harvest

When you join our Solitary Bee Team as a host, you **RELEASE BEES** and **RENT NESTING BLOCKS**.

Renting a kit from Rent Mason Bees gives gardeners the benefits of pollination without having to do the annual maintenance work.

SPRING & SUMMER POLLINATOR PACKAGE

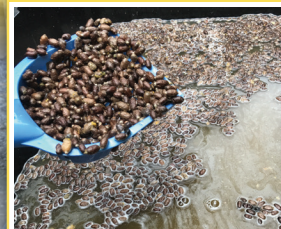
Includes: bee house, nesting blocks, clay, seeds, 50+ mason and leafcutter bees

SPRING MASON BEE KIT

Includes: bee house, nesting block, clay, seeds and 50+ mason bee cocoons

SUMMER LEAFCUTTER KIT

Includes: bee house, nesting block and 50+ leafcutter bees



WASH

Give bee cocoons a bath in a mild water and bleach solution to clean off all the mud and predators.



SORT

Pick out every cocoon that is no longer viable on our light table.



STERILIZE BLOCKS

Sterilize all our nesting blocks to remove predators like pollen mites and fungus.



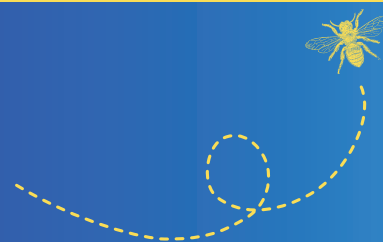
HIBERNATE

Clean cocoons are stored in winter hibernation.

**WE CLEAN ALL COCOONS & REMOVE
HARMFUL PREDATORS**

HEALTHY BEES ARE RETURNED TO THE ENVIRONMENT

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watch our
Fall Harvest
Video



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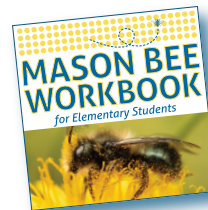
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