

2020 Hive Irradiation Event
Don't put new bees into sick woodenware.
Take advantage of the P.S.B.A. hive irradiation sterilization program.

When?: On *****, from ***** until ***** anyone who has dead out hives, purchased used equipment, and equipment suspected or known to be contaminated should gather to stack and wrap their equipment on pallets to be irradiated.

Where? ***** located at (address and zip code).

This is the only place and time to take part in this process. All others must haul their own equipment properly wrapped on pallets to Sterigenics on Monday morning March 16th. Throughout the mid-Atlantic we should gather 7 pallets of equipment to be treated. If so, a single pallet will cost \$214.30 to treat. One full pallet can accommodate 48 deeps @ \$4.45 per box or 66 mediums on a pallet for about \$3.30 per box; all with frames and honey comb.

Special Note: Any boxes with honey or hive equipment known to be contaminated with American Foul Brood **MUST** be tightly wrapped and taped shut in heavy gauge 4 ml plastic or opposite facing heavy double plastic trash bags before it is delivered to the staging site where equipment is being combined from different beekeepers. Single source pallets with hive equipment known to be contaminated with American Foul Brood must be palletized following all of the protocols for palletizing hive equipment before being delivered to the staging site. Get the complete information, watch the video on stacking pallets, and see the step-by-step tutorial on the requirements for wrapping individual boxes at: <https://www.montcopabees.org/Irradiation>

To prevent the spread of disease at the staging site where hive equipment is being gathered a heavy gauge tarp will be used to protect the location from contamination by stacking and wrapping all pallets on the tarp. No contaminated equipment should be set directly on the ground. At the end of the palletizing process the ground tarp will be neatly folded and stacked on top of the last pallet to be irradiated and disinfected along with the hive equipment.

***** (Name of person hauling equipment) has generously volunteered to use his/her truck and trailer to haul up to 4 pallets of equipment to Sterigenics for members. (Name of person hauling) needs to be compensated for his for his/her travel expenses on the delivery trip and return trip to pick up the irradiated equipment.