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BEEHAVEN WITH NESTING TUBES INSTRUCTIONS

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Easy Setup for Installation of BeeHaven House

- Select a location facing early morning sun to awaken and warm your bees.
- If summer afternoon temperatures are very hot (100º+F), ensure BeeHaven house receives afternoon shade.
- Position house 5-7 ft. (1.5-2 m) from ground, for easy viewing and protection from pests.
- Place your bee house out of sight of any bird houses. Birds love to munch bees.
- Locate the house within 100 - 300 ft. (30-91 m) of a pollen source.
- For best results, surface mount the BeeHaven house to post or wall.
- Once bees have begun nesting in holes, do not move BeeHaven house as bees get lost.
- ***A video on setup can be found at www.crownbees.com/how-to-videos.***

How to Redeem Summer Leafcutter Bee Certificate

- To redeem your bee certificate, visit: www.crownbees.com/certificate. Enter certificate code. Complete contact information.
  Note: leafcutter bees fly best when daytime temperatures are 75°F+ (24°C+).
- Bees ship each Monday, May-Aug via USPS First Class Mail and will arrive in your mailbox.
  Schedule delivery when you can count on summer-like conditions.

Preparation for Surface Mounting

- Sink a screw or headed nail into flat surface such as fence post, or wall so screw or nail head protrudes through key hole in the end cap of the BeeHaven house. Adjust screw/nail so that end cap is held firmly once in place. Remove end cap and place back on BeeHaven house.
  Note: Screw/nail not included due to varying mounting surfaces and thicknesses.

What to do When Bees Arrive

You may find that some of your leafcutter bees have emerged in shipping and will be crawling in the LeafGuardian™ protective mesh bag. They're ready to go to work! *While leafcutter bees are gentle, solitary bees, they may sting if they feel life-threatened. Please handle them respectfully.*

- Place the closed LeafGuardian bag in your refrigerator for 10-15 minutes to slow down any active bees to make them easier to handle.
- Releasing the bees: Placing the bees into the BeeHaven is easy. Open the chilled bag of bees and place it on top of the paper tubes in the BeeHaven. Ensure the bag opening is facing out and doesn't interfere with the paper nesting tubes. Push the bag gently into the BeeHaven with one of the paper tubes so that it is protected from the sun. Emerged bees should begin crawling out immediately. Those still be in their cocoon will emerge within the next few weeks as the warm weather completes their incubation.
- Position BeeHaven house onto nail or screw head. Gently put the nesting tubes into BeeHaven house with open end of tubes facing out. The end of the tubes should be about ¾" inside the front edge of BeeHaven house.
- As bees warm, they will emerge from their cocoons, crawl forward over nesting tubes and fly out of the BeeHaven house in search of pollen and nectar from nutritious blossoms.

Get in close to watch leafcutter bee activity. Look for small neatly cut circles in plant leaves. The circles are small and do not impact plant health. Leafcutter bees live about 6 weeks. The eggs they lay in the nesting tubes are next year's bees.

To learn more about leafcutter bee life cycles, natural predators, and how best to raise these gentle bees, see online information (crownbees.com/raise-bees) or follow tips/reminders to help ensure success by signing up for BeeMail (crownbees.com/beemail).

Meeting your expectations: *We care about your success and do our best to provide healthy bees. While most of our customers successfully raise gentle bees, it is important to understand that bees are wild insects and may find other holes in your yard in which to nest. They may get eaten by birds. They fly/nest best between 75-100° F. Native bees may not like the smell of chemical lawn/yard treatments or similar chemicals and may nest elsewhere.*