

# HOW TO HARVEST HONEY



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## 1. COLLECT FRAMES

Remember:

Each frame removed must be replaced.

Frames need to be 90% filled with honey on both sides in order to qualify for removal.

Don't be greedy when collecting frames. If you want your bees to last season after season, leave some honey.

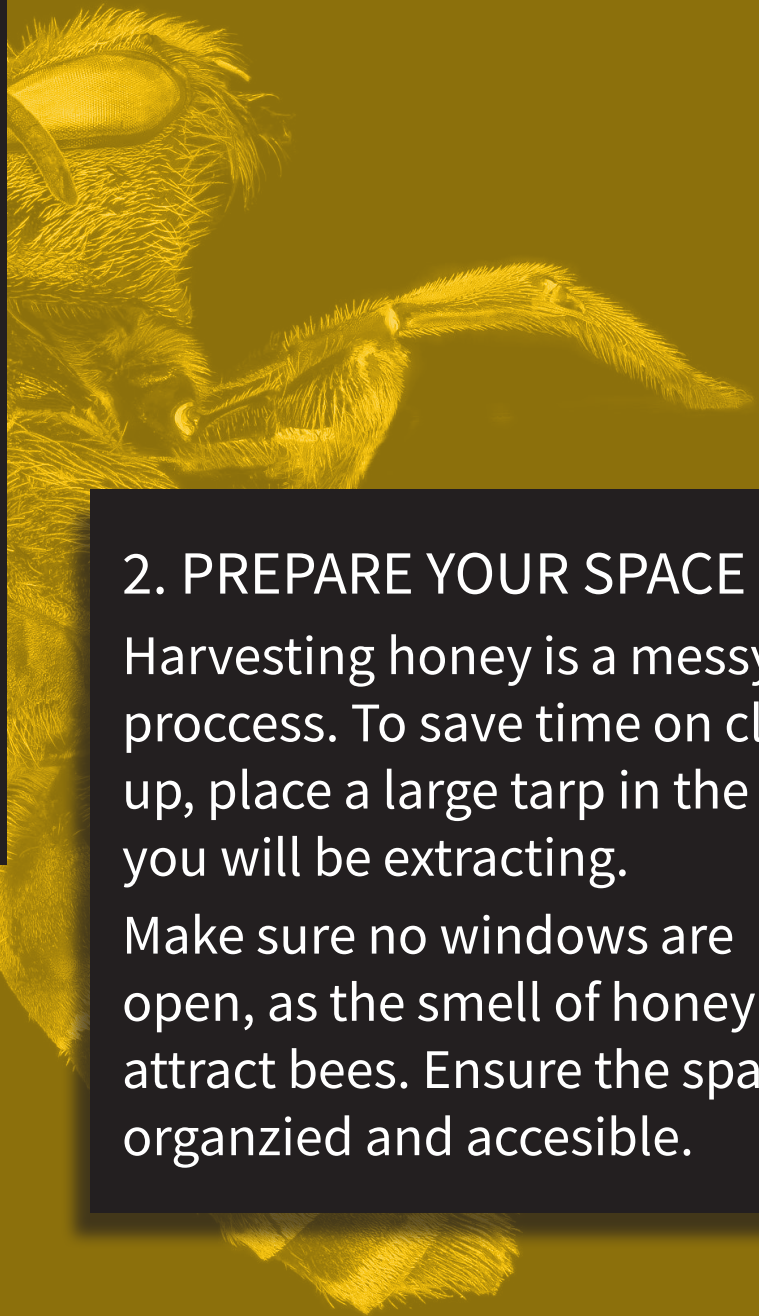
## 2. PREPARE YOUR SPACE

Harvesting honey is a messy process. To save time on clean up, place a large tarp in the area you will be extracting.

Make sure no windows are open, as the smell of honey will attract bees. Ensure the space is organized and accesible.

## 3. UNCAP HONEY

Bees will deposit a thin layer of wax after filling a comb in order to preserve it. Before extracting the honey, its necessary to remove this top layer of wax with either a heated knife or uncapping fork.



#### 4. EXTRACTION

Once all the frames have been uncapped, place them into walls of extractor.

Manual honey extractors typically hold 2-5 frames while electric models can hold up to 8.

For easier extraction, store frames in a dark and covered area for a few days.

#### 5. DRAIN & FILTER

When honey is first spun out directly from the frames, it is raw and unfiltered.

Visual impurities such as insect parts like bee wings and legs along with beeswax and pollen are filtered out through mesh strainers.

#### 6. CLEAN UP

As tedious as harvesting honey can be, cleaning up is simple. Because honey is water soluble, the extractor and equipment can easily be cleaned with soap and hot water. It is important that no honey is left over or it will attract other bees.

A photograph of a beehive yard with numerous wooden hives scattered across a field of tall grass and small white flowers. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent yellow filter. A dark rectangular box is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, containing white text.

## 7. STORE AND ENJOY

The amazing thing about honey is its infinite shelf life - if stored properly.

Keep honey in a tight and sealed container to prevent moisture from sneaking in.

# WHAT YOU NEED



## Equipment

- Bee brush
- Bee smoker
- Large tarp or sheet
- Honey extractor filters
- Bucket or uncapping tank
- Electric or manual extractor
- Heated knife or uncapping fork

## Protective Gear

- Gloves
- Bee suit

