

**RULES OF
GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION
CHAPTER 620-9
CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF HONEYBEES FROM STRUCTURES**

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Rule 620-9-.01 Definitions

- (1) Honeybee Control and Removal—means the control and removal of honeybees from a structure by a certified bee control and removal operator without the use of pesticides.
- (2) Certified Honeybee Control and Removal Operator—means a person who engages in the business of honeybee control and removal without the use of pesticides.

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Rule 620-9-.02 General Requirements

- (1) Control and removal of honeybees from a structure must be made consistent with the following:
 - (A) The use of any “pesticide” as defined in Rule 620-2-.01(z), to control, remove, or eliminate honeybees in, on, or under a structure shall be considered household pest control.
 - (B) The use of any “pesticide” as defined in Rule 620-2-.01(z), to control, remove, or eliminate honeybees in, on, or under a structure is prohibited unless the licensee holds a Household Pest Control license.
 - (C) “Honeybee control and removal” is limited to the control and removal of honeybees. The control, removal, or elimination of other types of bees requires a Household Pest Control license as defined in Rule 620-2-.01(s).
- (2) A honeybee control and removal contract shall be issued on all honeybee control and removal jobs in accordance with requirements of the Fair Business Practices Act of 1975, and the rules of the Federal Trade Commission, 16 C.F.R. 429, including disclosure by the licensee of the three (3) day right of cancellation. The terms of any contract extension beyond the original terms shall be indicated on the contract.
- (3) A honeybee control and removal job must include the removal of all honeybees, honeycomb, honey, and wax from the structure including, but not limited to, all voids which must be properly sealed following control and removal.
- (4) Any person engaging in honeybee control and removal must be a Certified Bee Control and Removal Operator and must hold a Structural Pest Control Company License in the Operational Category of Honeybee Removal.
- (5) Before being issued a honeybee removal operator certification, the applicant must provide the Commission with satisfactory evidence of his or her qualifications including the following:

- a. Completed application form;
- b. Documentation certifying completion of the University of Georgia Certified Beekeeper Program; and
- c. Payment of an Operator Certification Fee.

(6) Recertification: certified honeybee removal operators shall complete one of the following requirements prior to expiration of the five (5) year certification period:

- a. Complete a University of Georgia workshop on Bee Removal and Relocation; or
- b. Retake and pass the University of Georgia Certified Beekeeper Program.

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Rule 620-9-.03 Exceptions

(1) A Honeybee Removal license and Certified Honeybee Control and Removal Operator shall not be required for the control and removal of honeybees if the licensee holds a Household Pest Control license.

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