

If a swarm of honey bees land on your property, do not disturb them. Keep pedestrians, children and pets away from the swarm. Swarms in the clustered stage are relatively gentle, and the risk of stings is low. Nevertheless, treat swarms with caution. A swarm usually relocates to a permanent nest, a hollow tree, abandoned beekeeper's hive, or inside a hollow wall within 24 hours. If the swarm is safely located away from animals and people, you may wait for it to fly away on its own. If the swarm poses a real risk to people or animals, you may find a local beekeeper who will remove it. However, not all beekeepers collect swarms, and some may charge a fee for this service.

If bees are located in a wall or home structure, it will require a pest control company that is certified in honey bee removal. You can search for companies on the website below

<https://www.kellysolutions.com/ga/structural/searchbyCity.asp>

Local beekeepers that you can contact

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### **Local Beekeepers for Non-Structural Honey Bee Swarm Collection and Colony Removal\***

Andy Dabbs 404-932-1174	Johnston's Honey Farm David Johnston (Rome, GA) 706-295-2915 home 706-936-2914 cell
Brandon Brooks 678-977-1080	Richard Brown 770-386-4786
Christy Elrod Happy Valley Apiaries 678-276-9472	Tony Ross 678-488-5082
Jim Hughes 770-318-0189	