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IT'S BEE SWARMING SEASON!

With the rains we have experienced this season, our landscapes and hillsides are abundant with flowers and food for our insect friends. As the weather warms up, we anticipate Bees to be more prolific this year and swarming to look for new homes in walls, valve boxes, tree trunks, etc. Below is a picture of a bee swarm that has landed in a tree.



Bee swarms are a natural occurrence that happens when a parent hive becomes overcrowded. At that time, the queen leaves with about half of the hive. The group travels as a swarm to find a new nesting site. Swarms can appear very large, up to 30 feet across in some situations. The bee swarm will temporarily rest in stationary locations, such as tree limbs, while the scout bees attempt to find a new permanent nesting site. This also provides a rest for the queen, who is larger than the workers and scouts, and cannot fly at the same speed or distance as other bees. Below is a picture of a bee swarm showing the difference between a worker bee and a queen bee.



Since swarms are only temporarily resting, they generally move on from a site in about 24-48 hours. This information should be shared with clients when answering bee swarm calls. If the swarm is in an area that is out of the way, the bees will most likely move away on their own in a short time, saving the client the cost of control. However, if the swarm is occurring in an area frequented by people, especially children, control of the swarm is recommended for safety.

Animal Pest Management Services, Inc. provides removal services for swarms, as well as removal of established bee hives in irrigation valve boxes, meter boxes, wall voids, etc. If bees are reported in your communities, please call and report them to our Customer Service Department at **(800) 344-6567** or by emailing us at customerservice@animalpest.com. Questions will be asked to determine if the situation is an emergency or a routine service. The information will then be directed to a Urban Wildlife Professional for removal of the bees.

******If swarms are a regular occurrence in your communities, ask about our Hive Prevention Program for the protection and peace of mind for your members!***

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