

DuPage County Bee Keeping

Municipality	Response	Registration	# Of Hives Min Lot Size	Setbacks Flyways
Addison	Not Permitted			
Aurora	Not Permitted			
Bartlett	Permitted	Registration/Permit required	Max 2 hives Min 10,000 sq ft lot	either rear yard enclosed with min 5 ft tall solid fence/dense vegetation or 5' barrier provided
Bensenville	Permitted	Registration/Permit required	2 colonies for lots less than 80,000 sq ft, 4 colonies max for over 80k sq ft	Location of hives in rear yard and setback 10' from lot lines
Bloomington				Left message
Bolingbrook	Nothing in code either way			
Burr Ridge	Permitted			Rear yard min 15' setback from all lot lines
Carol Stream	Not Permitted			
Clarendon Hills	Permitted	Registration/Permit required	Lots smaller than 80k sq ft max 2 colonies, over 80k, may have 4 colonies	Rear yard min 10' setback, under 20' requires flyway barrier which may consist of solid wall, fence, dense vegetation, or combination
Darien	Permitted	Permit Required	Max 2 hives allowed on min 10,000 sq ft property	Rear yard setback 15' from all lot lines, flyway barrier at least 5 ft.
Downers Grove	Not Permitted	Have grandfathered longtime beekeeping residents previously		

Elmhurst	Permitted	Registration required		Setback 10' from any property line and right-of way
Glendale Heights				Left message
Glen Ellyn	Not Permitted			
Hanover Park	Permitted	Permit required		Rear yard at min 15' from rear property line and min 25' from any occupied structure. Flyaway should be no less than 6'.
Hinsdale	Permitted			
Lemont	Permitted	Registration required		100 ft from property lines with signage
Lisle	Permitted		Min ½ acre to have bees, less than 2 acres, 2 colonies, 2-10 acres 4 colonies	Setback 10' from any lot line, flyway barrier at least 6'
Lombard				Left message
Naperville	Permitted		3 hives on lots less than ¼ acre, 6 hives up to ½ acre, 10 for any larger lots	Not allowed in front yard, 5' from property lines, 10' from sidewalk/path
Oak Brook	Not Permitted			
Oakbrook Terrace				Left message
Roselle	Not Permitted			
Villa Park	Permitted	Registration/Permit required	2 hives allowed in R-districts	Rear yard, set back 10' from all lot lines and 10' from principal structure. Flyway barrier at least 6'.
Warrenville	Permitted as a home occupation		4colonies for the first 20k sq ft and 2 colonies for each 10K sq ft	Rear yard 10 ft from all lot lines, if within 15 ft' of line, must maintain flyway barrier 6'.
Wayne				Left message
West Chicago				Left message
Westmont	Permitted		Max 2 colonies per 1/3 acre	Rear yard setback 15' from any lot line
Wheaton	Nothing in code either way			

Willowbrook	Not Permitted			
Winfield	Not Permitted			
Wood Dale	Permitted	No registration		Allowed if not a nuisance and is registered with the State of Illinois Dept of Agriculture.
Woodridge	Not Permitted			
Cook County				Left message
Lake County	Permitted	Registration required	Min lot size 10,000 sq. ft allow 2 hives and 2 nucleus hives, for each add 10k sq ft, 1 hive & 1 nucleus hive allowed,	10' setback from property line, min 30 ft setback away from existing fixed structures on any adjoining parcel (not including garages or sheds) Lot less than 40k sq ft require 4' fence, hedge or wall.
McHenry County	Permitted	No registration		Setback 25 feet from property line and establish a flyway barrier at least 6 ft
Kane County	Permitted	No registration	Less than ¼ acre 2 hives, ½ acre 4 hives, ¾ acre 8 hives	Not allowed in front yard, min 5' from property lines and 10' from sidewalk/path.
Will County	Permitted	No registration	2 hives per every 1 acre or fraction thereof with min zoning lot of at least 22k sq ft.	If barrier between subject property and adjacent, no setback, otherwise 5'. Flyway required if hive within 20' from principal structure, sidewalk, road, or path.

***All require registration with the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture

***A “colony” is a collective organism made up of a single bee family, consisting of one queen, drones, and thousands of worker honeybees, while a “beehive” is a structure that houses them.

***All information for residential zoning districts.