

APIARIES

[Section 17.4.1.E](#) of the Lakewood Zoning Ordinance

Bee hives allow owners to collect beeswax, honey, pollen, and propolis. Beekeeping entails effort, a lot of learning, and a fair amount of responsibility. Check below for requirements and resources for beekeeping in Lakewood.



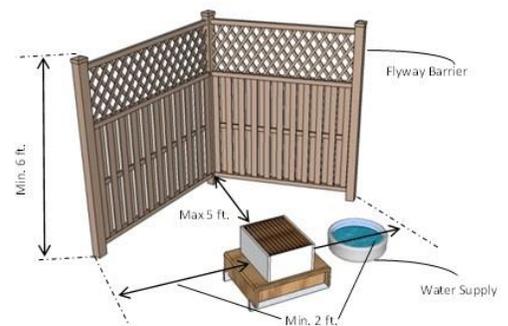
Residential Zone District	Permit Requirements	Standards
R-1-43	No permit required	
R-1-18 R-1-12 R-1-9 R-1-6 R-2 R-MF Mixed Use C-R LI LI-RD	Permit required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permitted 1 hive per 6,000 square feet of lot area. ▪ In residential districts locate hive in Side or Rear yard, and meet minimum setbacks for accessory structures. ▪ In all other zone districts, hives are not allowed in any required front yard. ▪ Beehives shall be set back at least 25 feet from the nearest edge of a public walk. ▪ Flyway barrier required for most hives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Located within 5 feet of hive, extending at least 2 feet on either side ○ At least 6 feet in height and placed in front of hive entrance ○ A fresh supply of water must be maintained nearby to prevent bees congregating in a neighborhood's pond ▪ No flyway barrier required if beehives are located at least 25 feet from all property lines and for beehives that are located on porches or balconies at least 10 feet above grade and more than five feet from a property line. ▪ Africanized bees are prohibited.
R-MH	Not permitted	n/a

Resources for Successful Beekeeping

- Colorado Beekeepers Association – <https://www.coloradobeekeepers.org/> – statewide beekeeping association
- Jefferson County Beekeepers Association – <https://www.jeffcobekeepers.org/> - beekeeping association and resources and guidance for Jefferson County

Books

Urban Beekeeping: A Guide to Keeping Bees in the City by Craig Hughes
The Backyard Beekeeper: An Absolute Beginner's Guide by Kim Flottum



Example hive and flyway barrier, also see 17.4.3.E in Zoning Ordinance