Below are details for picking up your package(s) on March 22nd.

If you would like to purchase additional packages – good news, we have additional packages available (order by March 18th). Please just place a new order on our website as you did with your original order.

Due to the volume of requests, we are not able to keep packages beyond the pick up date. Please plan for someone else to get your package and keep it per the suggestions below.

Below is updated information to address the many concerns about health and safety. Note, if you are ill, please arrange for someone else to pick up your package for you.

Happy Beekeeping,

Don

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COVID-19 Update

The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve rapidly across the United States and the globe. One action that is being recommended by CDC and WHO is the concept of "social-distancing", which involves staying away from other people in order to avoid catching or spreading a virus. In the US, social distancing practices are already being implemented with many events.

As a result of these developments, and our desire to protect people and the community, I want to inform you that **we are making changes to the pick up in WILLIAMSBURG ONLY**, where the vast majority of our orders are scheduled for pickup.

1. **The installation demonstration is canceled** – everyone gathers round to watch the installation demonstration in very close proximity, and this is not advisable. I will be recording a video of how to install your package and sending it out mid-afternoon on March 22nd. You can always call or text if you have an issue and I will give you a ring back.

2. **Pick up times are staggered by last name** – In order to minimize crowding please pick up your bees within the window assigned to you below by last name. If you must come at another time there is no need to let us know, please go ahead and do this. I'm trusting that each of us will honor the assigned time as best we can. Please keep a decent distance between each other while waiting and practice best hygiene as has been conveyed by many sources.

Last Name Begins With:	Pick up time assigned
A - C	9:00 - 9: 30
D- G	9:30 - 10:00
H - M	10:00 - 11:00
N- S	11:00 - 11:30
T - Z	11:30 - 12:00

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Pick Up Date:

- Sunday, March 22nd (subject to change due to weather, bee buildup, etc.)

Pick Up Location & Time:

- Williamsburg: [Jamestown Feed and Seed](#)
  - o 9:30 – 11:30 – package pick up
  - o *9:00 – Package Installation Demonstration*
    - Note: Jamestown Feed & Seed is open especially for our honey bee pick up this day. The store itself will be closed.
- Suffolk: [Deer Forest Road](#) (Luning Farm)
  - o 10:30 – 11:30 – package pick up

Parking:

- **Williamsburg**: See the map below for parking at [Jamestown Feed and Seed](#). Please be careful when parking, it can be tight; be considerate of your fellow beekeepers!
- **Suffolk**: Proceed up the driveway. It is narrow, so please alternative vehicles entering and leaving.

How to Bring Your Bees Home:

- The package will be gently brushed to remove bees, but there may be a straggler or two on the cage. You can place the package in your car (air-conditioned), trunk or in the back of a truck FOR TRANSPORT ONLY. Once you reach your destination the package must be stored per below. How you transport them is a personal decision, but remember to give them plenty of ventilation and do not overheat the bees.

How to Store Your Package:

- If you need to store your package of bees for a while you can keep them in your cool garage. Make sure the bees are not exposed to excessive heat or cold, loud noise, or unusual vibrations. You do not need to spray the bees with sugar syrup (1 part sugar, 1 part water), though some people choose to. The bees have a can of sugar water with them in the cage and it is all they really need for a few days.
- DO NOT: Put the cage in the hive to store them; store them on a porch or other area exposed to direct sunlight; store them where animals may disturb them!

Other Useful Info:

- Several people have asked about what equipment to buy. Please see my Beekeeping Equipment to start with Blog for recommendations.

- An excellent guidance document (including photos) on how to install package bees has been developed by NC State University for reference

- Time of day to install your package: I suggest waiting until dusk, though this is a personal choice. People install packages at all times of the day.