



Winter Preparation Checklist

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Use this quick inspection to prepare your hives and equipment before strong winds and wet winter weather arrive.

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Are the roofs secure and in good condition?

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Check for movement, corrosion, splits or damaged edges. Repair or replace anything that could let in rain.

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Are the stands stable?

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Check that each hive is level, well supported and not rocking. Pay particular attention to soft or uneven ground.

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Are the hives watertight and in good condition?

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Inspect boxes, floors and joints for rot, warping or signs of water ingress.

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Are there any gaps, damage or loose components?

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Close unintended gaps and secure loose parts while still allowing the ventilation your hive system requires.

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Are the entrances appropriately reduced?

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Fit the right entrance protection for the colony and season, keeping the opening clear of debris.

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Are your hives securely strapped down?

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Fit and tension a hive strap around the complete stack. Recheck it after severe weather.

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Is surplus kit stored clean, dry and securely?

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Store spare boxes, supers and equipment off the ground and under a secure, waterproof cover.

A SIMPLE JOB FOR PEACE OF MIND

Strong winds can cause problems surprisingly quickly. Fitting hive straps now can help keep your hives secure when the weather turns.

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