

# Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

## Backyard beekeepers wanted

The City's first ever urban beekeeping pilot project is taking flight. Residents interested in keeping honeybees in their backyard should apply to participate by submitting the expression of interest form available online at [edmonton.ca/bees](http://edmonton.ca/bees).



A select number of applicants from across the city with residential properties that meet the suitable urban beekeeping conditions outlined in the pilot guidelines will be chosen. Participants selected will be granted temporary permission to keep a limited number of honeybee hives on their property for the duration of the pilot project, which runs from July to November 2014.

Once chosen, participants will be required to obtain consent from their neighbours and supply proof of completion of a beekeeping course or have the support and assistance of an accepted mentor. Animal Control Peace Officers will regulate and monitor the test hives carefully to ensure compliance with the pilot guidelines.

The purpose of the pilot is to gather additional information about the enforcement needs and community concerns associated with urban beekeeping. The results of the pilot will be presented to the Community Services Committee in the first quarter of 2015.

Animal Licensing and Control currently prohibits the keeping of bees in residential areas in Edmonton unless special permission has been granted from the City Manager. For more information on the beekeeping pilot project or the Animal Licensing and Control Bylaw, please visit [edmonton.ca/bees](http://edmonton.ca/bees).

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