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Clothing Use & Care

Congratulations on the purchase of protective clothing! Whether you decided on gloves and a hat, or a complete suit proper care will ensure a long usable life for your clothing. We recommend purchasing jackets and suits slightly larger to accommodate a sweatshirt underneath if needed.

What to Wear:

It can be difficult to figure out what to wear under your protective clothing. When looking at options, consider protection, workability and comfort. We recommend a light shirt and light colored pants for the bee yard. You may also need a sweatshirt during cooler weather.

If you purchased a jacket, you will need to consider coverage for your legs. Bees prefer lighter colored clothing so avoid wearing dark pants in the bee yard. Wear tall boots or boot bands to prevent bees from crawling up your pants.

If you purchase a suit, wear light clothing to stay cool. Our bee suits feature elastic around the ankles, so you can wear these over or under boots.

There are several options for boots. A heavy work boot or rubber boot is usually sufficient for work in the bee yard.

We highly recommend wearing gloves, especially for beginners. If you are using gardening gloves or a shorter glove, use rubber bands to secure the wrists.

Note: Keep in mind; while protective clothing gives excellent protection from stings, no clothing is sting-proof.

Washing

- 1. Jacket:** Remove veil completely from jacket. Wash jacket with like clothing in cool water. Avoid washing bee clothing with other clothing as it can sometimes stain the other clothes. Tumble dry on low or hang to dry. The jackets are a cotton blend and will shrink a little in the wash. Once the jacket is completely dry, zip veil back onto suit.
- 2. Suit:** Remove veil completely from suit. Wash suit with like clothing in cool water. Avoid washing bee clothing with other clothing as it can sometimes stain the other clothes. Tumble dry on low or hang to dry. Zip veil back onto suit.
- 3. Helmets:** Remove the veil from the helmet and wash with a wet rag to remove propolis and wax. Allow to dry before replacing veil..
- 4. Gloves:** DO NOT WASH IN WASHING MACHINE. The hand areas of the gloves are leather which will be ruined in the wash. Wipe glove with a wet rag to remove debris. We recommend using Krud Kutter to remove wax and propolis.

Note: Veils can be tricky to remove. Please see our veil instructions or contact Betterbee at 800-632-3379 for further assistance.