Triangle Escape Board Instructions

Triangular escape boards are one of the most stress-free ways to remove bees from your honey super. The bees exit the honey super through the escape board and cannot re-enter the super. If you are harvesting from multiple hives, we recommend purchasing an escape board for each hive. This allows you to remove all of the supers on the same day. Please contact Betterbee at 800-632-3379 if you require additional assistance.

How it works: Bees navigate according to a strict set of rules. When a bee reaches an obstruction, it will always travel to the right and follow that obstruction till it can go no further. It will never go left. In the case of the Triangle escape board, it is easy for the bees to leave, but they are unable to get back in. Keep in mind that nurse bees will not leave an area with brood, so there may be some nurse bees in the super if brood is present.

Installation:

Prepare for a hive inspection. The escape board will be placed below the super being removed. The side of the escape board with the triangles is the bottom and will be installed face down. If you have a queen excluder on the hive, remove it prior to installing the escape board. Place the escape board under the super you are removing with the triangle side face down. Replace the honey super, inner cover and outer cover. Leave the escape board on overnight to allow the bees time to leave the super. Once the honey super is empty, it can be removed from the hive along with the escape board. We recommend removing the escape board within 24 hours or the bees may find their way back into the super.

Hint: Plug up any holes in the super where bees could re-enter.