Bee Attentive: Guide to Preventing Hive Theft

Every January beekeepers across the state are busily prepping as almonds and other tree crops bloom. Unfortunately for some, that includes dealing with beehive thefts. This crime has become increasingly common in response to a shortage of bees needed to pollinate California crops.

California beekeepers, farmers and local law enforcement need your help to prevent beehive theft. Here’s how you can help.

1. Clearly mark beehives, vehicles and equipment. (name, logo, phone number, etc.).
2. Communicate regularly with farmers/property owners.
3. Make sure farmers/property owners know you and your equipment.
4. Immediately report theft to local law enforcement.
5. Secure, gather and protect evidence. (tire tracks, witnesses, etc.)
6. Give this flyer to farmers, property owners, neighbors or those who may be around your beehives.

For more information please visit: californiastatebeekeepers.com