

## Bee Cozy Hive Wraps Information Sheet

### Description:

R8 Fiberglass insulation wrapped in 8 mil thick, black heavy plastic wrap. Wraps, both outer and top, do not retain or absorb moisture. Upper ventilation holes are required. Top batt is a clear, 8 mil thick heavy plastic.

### Equipment:

Entrance reducer: 5/8 inch plywood cut to 14 5/8 inches by 2 1/2 inches with a 3/8 by 6 inch notch on one edge. A 3" galvanized nail.

Deep rim inner cover with built in upper entrance (recommended) or 1 1/2 to 2 inch inner cover rim to be set on an inner cover with an upper entrance.

Insulated black plastic outer wrap.

Insulated top batt: R-8 fiberglass insulation cut to 15" x 16" and slid into a plastic bag, bag partially closed with a sealer.

### Wrapping:

**NOTE: Do each step to all the hives for greatest efficiency**  
Make sure the hives are well off the ground and tipped forward

Set hive covers upside down in front of the hives

Place in hive covers in order:

- a) top batt
- b) outer wrap
- c) inner cover rim (if required)
- d) entrance reducer with 3" nail started in centre

Smoke hive and nail on entrance reducers, notch down, leaving approximately 2" of nail protruding.

Place on inner cover rims if not a deep rim inner cover. There MUST be an upper entrance to the front of the hive.

### Unwrapping:

3 Step Process

- 1) Outer wrap
- 2) Inner cover batt
- 3) Entrance reducer

Entrance reducers can be left in the yard or stored elsewhere. The inner cover batts can be stored in barrel bags. The outer wraps can be stacked 8 to 10 in a pile, compressed, and slid into barrel bags. Store bags in a dry location. If a wrap picks up moisture, hang on a clothes line with the vent holes down to drain dry for a few days. Repairs can be made with good quality duct tape.