

1. Make sure your bee house is located facing south or east, preferably under an eave.
2. Keep the bee cocoons refrigerated until plants in your yard or neighborhood are blooming, and daytime temperatures are consistently in the low to mid 50's.
3. Poke a hole in the box of cocoons about the size of a pencil eraser, 5/16" and place it in the "attic" of your bee house. If your bee house does not have an attic, tape the box under the bee house to protect it from the rain.
4. The Mason Bee range is only a few hundred yards from their house and they are active for just a couple of months. By mid to late June remove your bee house and store in a cool, dry place. This will protect the larvae from damp and predators.
5. You may return your bee house to McCornack Elementary School by October 15, and the fourth graders will clean the larvae and the houses. This is an important step to keep your bees and their house free of mites. You will receive a certificate for a free box of bees to keep the pollination cycle going in your yard. The boxes of bee will be available at McCornack after February 15.
6. Please register your bee house with the McCornack Mason Bee Project so we can keep you updated.

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