

The background of the image is a close-up photograph of several yellow and black striped wasps. They are positioned around a textured, brownish nest. The image is heavily faded and has a soft, hazy appearance, which serves as a backdrop for the text.

NATURAL WASP SPRAY

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Natural Wasp Killer Spray

1. Use a good amount of dishwashing liquid in a hose-end sprayer, about 1/4 cup.
2. Get the water going until the suds begin.
3. Blast the nest from as far away as you can be while still maintaining a powerful spray.
4. Do the deed in the evening (dusk or later) after all the wasps have come home for the night.
5. Wear long pants and sleeves, just in case...especially if you have low water pressure.



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The soapy water works because insects of all kinds wear their skeletons on the outside. The cohesive property of water generally prevents the water from entering their exoskeleton, but soap breaks the surface tension of water. Soapy water ultimately drowns bees, wasps, hornets (and ants, if you're battling them in the house) and for that reason is a very effective natural wasp killer.

It shouldn't matter whether you use conventional or natural dish soap – if it cuts grease, it will get your stinging enemies! But of course I'd recommend natural cleaners for your health and the environment whenever possible.

There's one huge caveat to this advice: Don't kill honeybees!

If you actually have a honeybee hive rather than a wasp's or hornet's nest, you should call a beekeeper, who will likely be happy to take the bees off your hands. They might do it for free, since they benefit from having more bees in their stock.

If the beehive is difficult to get to (in a wall, for example), the beekeeper will likely ask for (and deserve) a removal fee. Far better to pay a beekeeper to do it right than an exterminator to do it halfway.

At this point in history, we're in a bit of a honeybee crisis – they're dying in droves and puzzling scientists and beekeepers, and the state of our food supply is at risk. Wasps can also pollinate and even kill pesky insects in your garden, so if their hive isn't in a dangerous location, leave them alone, too.

No honeybees, no pollination, no food. So please, identify your targets before you shoot.

How do I know if it's a wasp or a bee?

WASP

Reminder: Google for pictures to try to identify your wasp's nest too - there are so many of them!



HONEYBEE

Honeybees tend to look "fuzzy" and more grey than wasps. They are still pretty small, not big like the classic "bumblebee" that sort of floats around aimlessly. When in doubt, ask an expert!



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