



ARMSTRONG & BLACKBURY  
Horticultural Products

Scientifically Designed Mason Bee Nest  
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### EMERGENCE CHAMBER/BEE NEST TUBE CLEANING

Our bee nest was designed to be mostly maintenance free, but over time debris and mites can build up in the nest tubes and cleaning may be required.

To clean the nest an Emergence Chamber is required. This is a dark box/cover with a small hole at the bottom which allows the new bees to emerge from the nest but does not allow them to return.

#### HOW TO USE THE EMERGENCE CHAMBER:

- When all the tubes have been filled, or activities die down, slide the emergence chamber over the end of the nest.
- Leave the emergence chamber over the nest until spring when the new bees will emerge; 12 months after the eggs were laid. If you use the nest log provided to note when the tubes were filled you will know when this is.
- Place a new (or a previously cleaned) bee nest near the one covered by the emergence chamber to allow the emerging bees to find a new home straight away.
- Once all the tubes are empty, remove the nest and emergence chamber from its position in the garden and take somewhere suitable for cleaning (this avoids bees trying to use it while you are cleaning it).

### CLEANING THE NEST:

- Clean out each tube with the appropriate size reamer or drill bit.
- Blow out the debris with an air hose or a gravy baster.
- Use a pipe cleaner dipped in a solution of 1 tsp. bleach to 8 oz. (230 ml) of water to lightly dampen the inside of each tube, being careful not to get them too wet.
- Allow a minimum 2 hours drying time, preferably longer.
- Once dry, pour the contents of the envelope of miticide into the tubes using a pipe cleaner to coat the tube walls.
- Lightly blow out excess miticide with a gravy baster.
- The nest is now ready for another season.

### CONTENTS OF THE EMERGENCE CHAMBER & NEST TUBE CLEANING KIT:

1 Emergence chamber  
1 set of 3 Tubular bee tube reamers  
4 x Pipe cleaners  
1 x pk. Miticide  
1 x Decal for nest exterior  
1 x Strip of 20 bee dots to cover tubes  
1 x Detailed instruction  
1 x Nest log  
1 x Bring Back Pollinator leaflet

**Minimum order is 2 emergence chambers and  
cleaning kit** (includes 1 set of reamers 2 sets of  
everything else)



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