

The Hive Topper™

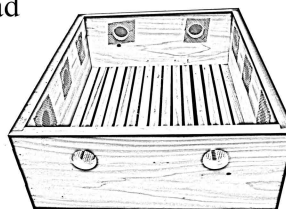


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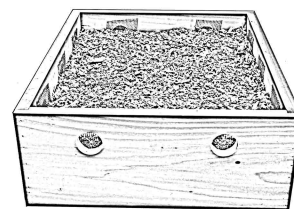
The Hive Topper™ is designed to ventilate hives winter and summer. A colony can give off as much as 4 gallons of water over winter. This moisture needs to go somewhere.

The Hive Topper™ vent box allows moisture wick up through a bed of wood chips and exits the hive without creating a draft.

Winter: Fill **The Hive Topper** with 4 inches of wood chips. Remove the inner cover and place **The Hive Topper**, filled with wood chips, on top of the brood boxes with the slat side down. The shavings should cover about 1/2 the screen holes. Do not loose fill, instead pack the shavings. It is best to fill **The Hive Topper** before putting it on the hive to keep the fine dust out of the hive. Store the inner cover on top of **The Hive Topper** under the telescoping top. The innercover performs no function in the winter set-up.



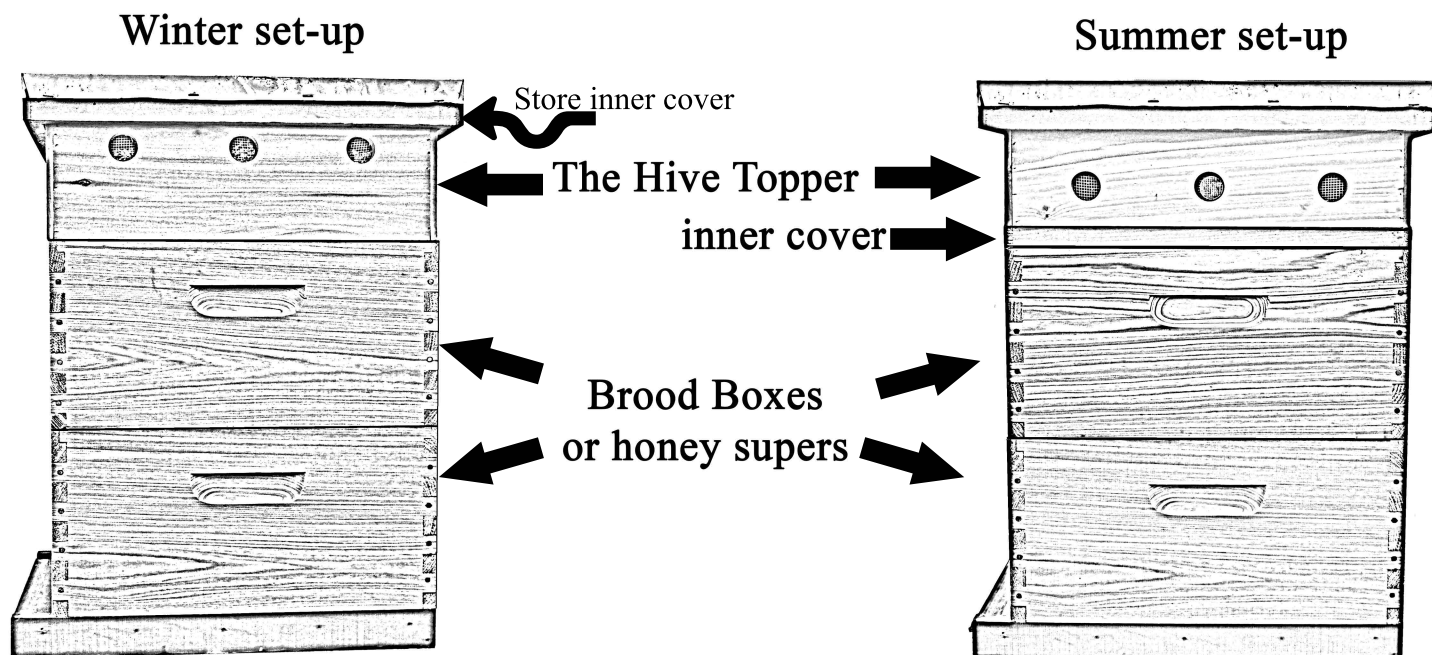
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Filled

Summer: In summer, **The Hive Topper** is designed to be placed on top of the inner cover with the slat side up. No wood chips needed. **The Hive Topper** acts like an attic and air will vent up through the center hole in the inner cover and out through the screened holes in the vent box. It is best to convert **The Hive Topper** from winter to summer when daily air tempuatures are reaching into the mid 80 degrees F, or if bees are bearding at the entrance.

When Feeding: **The Hive Topper** is a perfect way to vent the top of your hive when feeding. Moisture buildup may cause mold to develop when feeding. Place the box in the same manner as with summer applications on top of the inner cover. If the inner cover is notched, then plug the notch to avoid robbing.



The Hive Topper™ can be found at www.simpsonsbeesupply.com

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