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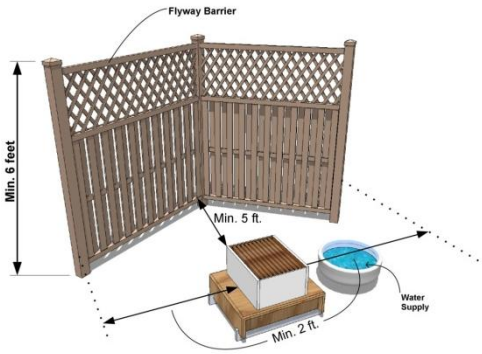
Bee hives allow owners to collect beeswax, honey, pollen, and propolis. Beekeeping entails effort, a lot of learning, and a fair amount of responsibility. Check below for requirements and resources for beekeeping in Lakewood.

Residential Zone District	Permit Requirements	Standards
R-1-43	No permit required	
R-1-18 R-1-12 R-1-9 R-1-6	Permit required	▪ Allowed 1 hive per 6,000 square feet lot area. ▪ Locate hive in Side or Rear yard, and meet minimum setbacks for accessory structures. ▪ Flyway barrier required for most hives: ○ Located within 5 feet of hive, extending at least 2 feet on either side ○ At least 6 feet in height and placed in front of hive entrance ○ A fresh supply of water must be maintained nearby to prevent bees congregating in a neighborhoods pond ▪ No flyway barrier required if beehives are located at least 25 feet from all property lines and for beehives that are located on porches or balconies at least 10 feet above grade and more than five feet from a property line. ▪ Africanized bees are prohibited.
R-2	Only allowed with special use permit (See Article 2)	▪ If approved, follow standards for R-1-6. ▪ Special use permit applies only to occupant, not property.
Other Zone Districts	Not permitted	n/a

Resources for Successful Beekeeping

Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.http://www.denverurbanhomesteading.com/ - urban agriculture center
http://www.denverbee.org/ - local beekeeping organization with monthly meetings
http://www.outdoorplace.org/beekeeping/ - another helpful site

Books
Urban Beekeeping: A Guide to Keeping Bees in the City by Craig Hughes



Example hive and flyway barrier, also see 17.4.3.F in Zoning Ordinance