



AFB-related equipment **best practice**

How to destroy AFB-related equipment, honey supers

- ◊ Wrap supers or secure them together if transporting.
- ◊ Dig a hole a minimum of 300mm deep and large enough to hold four supers: 1m x 1m. The hole should have near-vertical sides to stop honey or non-flammable parts from moving away.
- ◊ Start a fire in the hole.
- ◊ Slowly add frames with minimal honey first.
- ◊ Once the fire is burning well, you can add frames with honey and then the empty box.
- ◊ While adding more hive ware, keep the remaining boxes covered with the hive lid.
- ◊ Once all burnable hive parts are in the hole and on fire, place non-burnable parts (lids, queen excluders) on top of the flames for sterilization.
- ◊ Once flames have died down and only embers remain, remove sterilised non-burnable parts from the hole. These can be reused or placed in a bin once cool.
- ◊ Ensure all remaining parts have been burnt.
- ◊ Fill the hole with soil. Enough to cover ash and debris.
- ◊ Sterilise equipment used to break down or move the supers and disinfect the truck deck by washing with soapy water if hives were transported.