

BEE WASHING

Cleaning Bee Specimens for Identification and Display



Step 1. Gather and Sort Bees

Remove any large debris.



Step 2. Place Bees in a Screened Jar

Secure a screen over the opening.



Step 3. Wash in Warm, Soapy Water

Swirl gently and pour off dirty water through the screen. Repeat 2-3 times.



Step 4. Rinse Thoroughly

Rinse several times with clean warm water.



Step 5. Dry on a Paper Towel

Gently blot excess moisture.



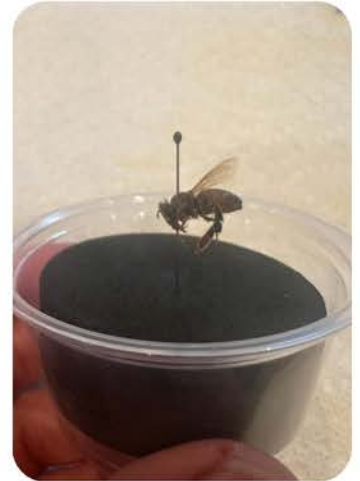
Step 6. Place Bees in Jar

Return bees to the clean screened jar.



Step 7. Dry with a Hair Dryer

Use a low-heat or cool setting until dry and fluffy.



Step 8. Finished Bees

Ready for pinning, storage, identification, or classroom use.

Tip: Keep the screen attached throughout the washing and rinsing process to prevent specimens from being lost while pouring off water.