

# Use of our registered kitchen at the Gathering Place for bottling your honey.

In order to sell your honey, other than from your home (place honey was produced) you must “process” your honey in a PA State Dept. of Agriculture Registered space (“process” is defined as Bottling). It can be difficult for your home kitchen to meet all the requirements that the State is requiring to be a Registered work area. We operate a food service business, but because we do not place our products in any off premise stores or shops, our food service license only permits us to prepare and serve from our kitchen to our customers....a retail license is required to sell from stores and shops.

Our kitchen has been registered and inspected as The Lancaster County Beekeepers Society Members Kitchen. With this license any club member can bottle their honey and legally sell their bottled honey from any wholesale or retail outlet. To show that your honey was bottled in a registered kitchen, the club has made up sheets of small round stickers (\$1.00 per sheet of 100). These simply say Member of Lancaster County Beekeepers, Mount Joy, PA with the club logo. You will still have to put your label on with all the labeling required information. The club sticker can go anywhere (lid, bottle or even on the bottom. If an inspector sees your honey on a store shelf with the club sticker you are legal.

Our schedule varies from day to day and week to week. We will have days or evenings available depending on our schedule, you will have to call so we can work out a time for you to bottle.

There is a nominal fee for use of the kitchen... \$25.00 for the first hour and \$10.00 for each additional hour. Available for you to use is a bottling bucket w/tap, a bucket stand, towels and hot water. Your will need to bring your honey, clean bottles and caps. If you have your own bottling bucket, you certainly can use that.

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