

Remove Yellow Jackets From Your Yard Without Chemicals

You don't need sprays to keep these insects away.

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Yellow jackets may be a [beneficial insect](#), but it doesn't matter much when they are swarming around your pitcher of [sweet tea](#).

But spraying a toxic pesticide will spoil your cookout, to say nothing of the damage it does to all the other living things it comes in contact with who are doing you no harm.

Try this cheap and easy trap instead. The homemade bait is sure to lure the nasty stingers away from your food.



Here's what you'll need to build a Yellow Jacket trap:

- A large plastic bottle (2-liter)
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of sugar
- 1 cup of apple cider vinegar
- 1 banana peel
- Approximately 4 cups of water
- Razor knife



How To Make A Yellow Jacket Trap

1. Pour a half-cup of water into a large (2-liter) bottle. Add a quarter-cup of sugar and shake until it dissolves.

2. Add a cup of apple-cider vinegar and shake well.



Making a Yellow Jacket Trap

3. Add a banana peel. (Decaying fruit attracts yellow jackets.)

4. Add more water until the bottle is about half full.

5. Cut a 3/4-inch hole in the top half of the bottle.

6. Place close to the hive or at least away from where you are.

Fact: In late summer, the population of a yellow [jacket](#) colony peaks at about 4,000-5,000 workers.