

## Vegibee Garden Pollinators - Questions and Answers – a word from the inventor, Bill Whaley

**Q: What is my background? Why did I develop this new gardening tool?**

A: I worked in the department stores for 33 years and recently retired. I am an avid gardener and was frustrated at the low yield in my garden. I had healthy plants but poor pollination rates from the flowers on the plant. I discovered the poor pollination was due to the lack of honeybees in my area. I developed the VegiBee Garden Pollinators to eliminate the need for bees to pollinate gardens in greenhouses or outdoors.

**Q: Why are honeybees so important to plant pollination. What has caused the dramatic decline of the honeybee in the United States.**

A: Honeybees pollinate approx. one third of all plants in the US, including vegetables, fruits and flowers. Without adequate honeybees, garden yields will drop significantly. We have lost 100 million beehives in the US since 2006. The cause is not clear but recent studies found 21 different insecticides, fungicides and herbicides in the honey collected by the bees. These chemicals can be lethal to the honeybee.

**Q: Why were the VegiBee Garden Pollinators featured in the New York Times in April?**

A: The New York Times featured VegiBee Garden Pollinators as new high tech gardening tools that will solve the pollination issues in the garden due to a lack of bees.

**Q: How does a VegiBee Garden Pollinator work?**

A: The VegiBee is a sonic pollinator that uses high vibrations and sound wave technology to capture most of the released pollen into a specially designed spoon. The home food gardener can use this excess pollen to pollinate 4-5 additional flowers on the same plant, increasing overall productivity.

**Q: What garden plants will the VegiBee Garden Pollinator work on?**

The VegiBee pollinators can be used on all flowering vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, peas and beans, fruits such as strawberries and blueberries and flowers for cross pollination.

**Q: How often do you need to use an electric pollinator on vegetables?**

A: Use the pollinator 3 times a week for maximum results. A flower can only be pollinated for 2-3 days. If the flower is not pollinated in this time period, it will wilt and fall off the plant.

**Q: How much time does it take to pollinate an average size garden?**

A: 10 minutes

**Q: Is the Vegibee Garden Pollinator easy to use? Is there a video I can watch on how to use a VegiBee Pollinator?**

A: Yes. Simply vibrate, dip & pollinate.

**Q: Does the pollinator use any chemicals or hormones to pollinate the plant?**

A: No. The pollinator uses only sonic vibrations which is ideal for the organic gardener or someone trying to reduce chemicals in the garden.

**Q: What changes do I need to make in my garden once I start using an electric pollinator?**

A: The plants will need additional support for the heavy yield. I had 30-50 tomatoes on each tomato plant last year in the test garden. Also, the plants will need to be fertilized weekly to support this heavy yield.

**Q: Can an electric pollinator allow me to reduce the size of my garden or plant more variety?**

A: A VegiBee pollinator will allow a gardener to reduce the garden size by 30% while getting the same yield or have the space to plant more variety in the garden.

**Q: Can I use a cotton swap or paint brush to pollinate plants?**

A: Yes but you will not extract ample pollen out of the stamen (male part of the flower), to pollinate 4-5 additional flowers on the same plant. The VegiBee will increase the yield by 30% or more.

**Q: Does the VegiBee replace the need for bees, fans or the wind to pollinate garden plants?**

A: Yes

**Q: Can the VegiBee pollinator be used indoors or outdoors to pollinate plants?**

A: The VegiBee pollinator can be used indoors in greenhouses as well as hydroponic and aquaponic growers. The pollinator can also be used outdoors to aid natural pollination.

**Q: What does a commercial electric pollinator cost? What make the VegiBee pollinator more productive than commercial pollinators?**

A: Commercial pollinator cost \$175.00-\$300.00, while Vegibee pollinators retail for \$29.99 and \$49.99. The VegiBee pollinator (VBP-01) has rechargeable batteries, variable speeds, interchangeable vibrating wands and a pollen spoon which are not included on commercial units.

**Q: Why 2 VegiBee models?**

A: VegiBee-Express (\$29.99 retail) is purchased by someone with a small garden and is looking for an affordable sonic pollinator. The VegiBee 5-speed, rechargeable model (\$49.99) is purchased by an avid gardener with a larger garden.

**Why do you need a 5-speed pollinator?**

A: The higher speeds are used for tomatoes and peppers to harvest maximum pollen out of the flowers while a slower speed is used for delicate flowers such as peas or beans.

**Q. Why are there different size wands on the rechargeable model?**

A: The long wand is used for vegetable that are in the ground that do not require pollen capture (e.g. peas, beans) and due to the longer length, the gardener does not have to bend over so far to pollinate plants. The shorter wand is used when the gardener is capturing pollen in the spoon. The wand is designed with a flatter tip to strengthen vibrations and is short to make it easier to control the pollinator while harvesting pollen.

**Q: How do you recharge the VegiBee rechargeable model?**

A: This model comes with a USB connector or AC adapter. It takes approximately 12 hours to charge this unit prior to using it for the first time.

**Q: How long will the 1-AA battery last in the VegiBee Express? Is the battery included?**

A: 2-3 months. Yes, the battery is included in the box

**Q: Is the VegiBee rechargeable unit UL certified for safety?**

A: Yes

**Q: What is the warranty for both models? Who handles customer problems, damages or returns?**

A: 6 months. VegiBee LLC will handle all warranty issues directly with the customer.