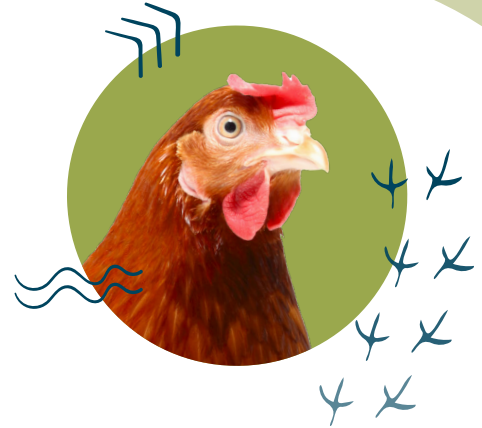


Starting a Backyard Flock?



Before you get birds

- Consider whether poultry are a good fit for your family and your home.
- Research breeds of birds and what you need to care for them.



Look into

- Any requirements your neighborhood has for owning poultry.
- Poultry veterinarians and local resources like university extension programs or agriculture departments.
- Steps to keep your family and your flock safe from diseases, such as using work gloves and washing your hands often.



Identify a place for your flock

- Pick a location for housing young birds (brooder) that can be cleaned and disinfected, like your garage or other outdoor protected space.
- Determine a location for your outdoor coop.
- Decide where you will clean and disinfect supplies outdoors.



Get these supplies

- An outdoor coop. Coops need to be safe from predators, easy to clean, and have roosts and nesting boxes
- Brooder for young birds that can be disinfected
- Heat source and fire alarm/smoke detector for your brooder, as needed
- Poultry bedding
- Poultry feed and supplements
- Feeder and waterer
- Treats or enrichment for the coop to show your birds love
- Cleaning supplies, including cleaning brushes, soap, and disinfectants made for this purpose
- Hand sanitizer to keep at your coop
- Dedicated pair of shoes or boots, for using only at your coop and while caring for birds
- Work gloves only for your coop (like garden gloves)

