

BENEFITS OF BACKYARD CHICKENS

- Chickens can be entertaining pets .
- Fresh eggs are healthier and richer in nutrients than factory produced.
- -Chickens naturally eat insects including ticks and grasshoppers among other pests.
- Chickens reduce food waste by eating table scraps that might otherwise go to the landfill.
- Chicken keeping is a great way for children to learn responsibility for basic chores and a daily schedule.
- Chicken manure is a great organic fertilizer for your garden plants.

BASIC CHICKEN CARE

- Provide light and/or a heat lamp for winter months
- Provide nesting boxes
- Provide places to roost up high
- Use pine shavings, straw or well drained soil
- Chickens do best at 70-75 degrees F and can die of heat stress in temperatures exceeding 95 degrees F
- Protect birds from predators

City of Morristown

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Guidelines for Keeping Poultry in the Morristown City Limits



Codes Enforcement Division
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WHERE YOU CAN KEEP CHICKENS

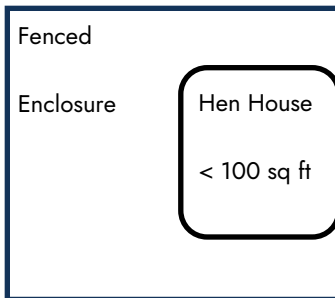
*** Permits are required***

There is no permit fee

Submit a site layout with your permit application showing dimensions of henhouse and enclosure and distance to your property lines and residence as well as the nearest neighbor's residence.

Henhouses and enclosures shall not be permitted in front yards.

Minimum 10 feet from side and rear property lines and minimum 25 feet from nearest neighbor



Perimeter fence: Minimum height 42" and not exceeding 25% of the rear yard or 1200 square feet, whichever is less

HOW YOU CAN KEEP CHICKENS

- Up to six (6) hens are permitted.
- Roosters are NOT permitted.
- *Only chickens* are allowed— no other types of fowl or poultry.
- Slaughtering is prohibited
- Chicken coops are allowed only on single family residential lots.
- Chickens will not run loose, but will be provided with a covered, predator resistance henhouse and minimum 42 " tall fenced enclosure (*wings will be clipped*). Hens will be secured in the henhouse at night.
- Hen food will be stored indoors or in a weather and tamper resistant container to prevent unwanted animal access.
- Contain compost/ fertilizer waste and dispose of other waste in a plastic bag
- Vaccination for Marek's Disease is highly recommended

YOUR HENHOUSE AND PEN

Henhouse will not exceed 100 square feet but will provide at least 2 square feet per bird.

Henhouse and enclosure are to be ventilated, clean, dry, odor free, rodent/ predator resistant and kept neat and sanitary at all times. Enclosures shall not exceed 25% of the area of the rear residential yard, but will provide a minimum of 6 square feet per bird.

Henhouses shall be enclosed on all side, have a roof and doors. Access doors will be shut and locked at night.

At no time will chickens disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots.

