



caring for chickens



DAILY JOBS

Say hi, and let them out into their run (if they are locked in at night)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quick visual check of your chickens (for signs of illness, injury or pecking order issues)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quick visual check of their house & run (to make sure it is secure, and tidy)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Give kitchen scraps, scratch mix, or garden waste to supplement their regular feed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Check their water and food (top up as necessary)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collect any eggs, and thank your chickens - clean nesting area (using a kitty litter type 'pooper scoop')	<input type="checkbox"/>
Say goodnight, and repeat these at lock up time, as required	<input type="checkbox"/>

WEEKLY TO MONTHLY JOBS

Complete change of nesting area materials (every 1 to 3 weeks) & sweep/ rake out their run, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean out water containers (don't use detergent) – consider adding a splash of ACV to the water	<input type="checkbox"/>
Top up their food containers – considering using a feeder that holds more & needs topping up less often	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervised free-range time in the garden (for chooks in more confined houses/ runs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add shellgrit or ground up dried eggshells in a separate feeder, or if you notice soft shell eggs	<input type="checkbox"/>

SEASONAL JOBS

Visual check of vents and overall body check – pick up your chickens, check their vent, feel their crop and check their legs and feet – consider dusting with a sulphur based pesticide powder	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wash any fluffy butt chickens who have poop build up - start early on a warm, sunny day	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worming – consider worming twice a year with chemical wormers from a pet food store, or do your own research on natural adjuncts, pumpkin seeds, nasturtium, garlic, DE and ACV	<input type="checkbox"/>
Add or remove weather protection, i.e. weather shields or canvases/ tarps to provide shelter or shade	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase light leading into Autumn – prune nearby trees/ hedges, or move the chicken house and run	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buy food and supplies – consider stocking up a Chicken First Aid Kit	<input type="checkbox"/>

HOT WEATHER

Consider giving watermelon or frozen treats, make sure they have shade, and a couple of water sources that are accessible from the shady areas

COLD WEATHER

Consider giving warm mash or scraps, add straw or lucerne to their run to retain warmth and soak up extra moisture, check they have a sheltered and dry area

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