

Backyard Hen Enclosure CARE CHECKLIST

This checklist indicates activities that should be completed by the licence holder for the ongoing care and maintenance of the hens and the hen enclosure. The licence holder may adapt this checklist or create their own to submit with their application package.

DAILY

A backyard hen enclosure with 3 to 6 hens may require 15 to 30 minutes of care in the morning and the evening.

- Fresh feed and water
- Open/close the coop
- Overall health/behaviour check
- Collect eggs
- Check the weather
- Turn lights on/off
- Clean off roosts
- Remove soiled bedding
- Clean up spilled feed/water
- Refill grit, oyster shells, scratch (winter)
- Update record keeping

WEEKLY

A backyard hen enclosure with 3 to 6 hens may require 60 minutes of care once a week.

- Clean and disinfect waterers
- Inspect the coop
- Assess the litter
- Check the dust bath

MONTHLY

A backyard hen enclosure with 3 to 6 hens may require 3 hours of care once a month.

- Clean up feed and bedding material
- Thoroughly clean the coop

SEASONAL

To be completed seasonally.

- Adjust hen enclosure structure for weather conditions
- Deep clean of the coop

