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| *Can I have chickens where I live?* |

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*🐔* ***Chicken Care & Welfare***

1. How do I care for the chickens during the hire?

**We make it easy! Provide fresh water daily, feed them each morning, and keep the coop tidy. We include a simple care guide and are always on standby if you need backup.**

1. What do chickens eat, and how often do I feed them?

We supply premium chicken feed to last the first 3 months. Chickens love routine—just feed them daily and feel free to offer veggie scraps (they’re not picky eaters!).

1. Will I need to clean the coop? How often?

Yes, but don’t worry—it’s a breeze. A light spot-clean every few days and a deeper tidy once a week will keep everything fresh and your hens happy.

1. What happens if a chicken gets sick or injured?

Let us know right away. We’ll provide care, swap out a hen if needed, and ensure your flock’s health stays top-notch.

1. Are the chickens vaccinated or treated for parasites?

Yes! All of our hens follow a vet-recommended health schedule and of our chickens have been vaccinated for parasites (Coccidiosis Vaccination), Marek's Disease and certified Pullorum-Typhoid clean, H5/H7 Avian Influenza clean, and salmonella monitored.

1. Can I let the chickens roam free in my yard?

Absolutely—with supervision. Chickens love to explore, but keep them within a safe, enclosed area and always keep an eye out for predators.

1. Are chickens safe around kids and pets?

They sure are, with proper supervision. Our hens are gentle, and many families say their little ones (and pets) love the experience.

1. What if one of the chickens escapes?

Stay calm. Chickens usually stay close. Shake the feed bucket, open the coop and they’ll often come running. If you need help, we’re just a text away.

***📦 Hire Logistics***

1. What's included in the chicken hire package?

Your hire includes happy, healthy hens, a cozy predator-resistant coop, high-quality feed, care supplies, waterer and a simple how-to guide.

1. Do I need to be home for delivery and pickup?

Yes, we’ll coordinate a delivery window so we can set everything up, answer questions, and make sure you're comfortable before we leave.

1. How much space do I need for the coop?

A flat, shaded area about the size of a small garden shed is perfect. We'll send measurements and help you plan in advance. Generally a 10’ x 10 ‘area is perfect for our standard setup.

1. What do I need to prepare before the chickens arrive?

Not much—just a clean, level space for the coop and access to an outdoor hose or water source. We’ll handle the rest.

1. How long can I rent chickens for?

We offer flexible hire durations—from weeks to full seasons. Whether you're curious or committed, we’ve got an option for you.

1. Can I extend my hire period?

Yes! As long as we have availability, we’re happy to let your feathered guests stay longer. Just give us a heads-up.

1. How do I book a hire?

Simple! Use our website to find the pricing package you desire then call, text message, or contact us through email. We’ll confirm your dates and take care of the rest.

1. Can I request specific breeds or chicken names?

We'll do our best. We have Barred Plymouth Rock, Buff Orpington and White Leghorns to honor requests! While not guaranteed, you can let us know your choice and we’ll match you with your perfect flock.

1. What is your cancellation and refund policy?

Life happens. We offer full or partial refunds depending on how far in advance you cancel. Details are outlined on our Terms & Conditions page.

1. Do you offer seasonal hires?

We do! Spring and summer are popular for first-timers, but fall hires have their own cozy charm. Let us know what works for you.

***🏡 Coop Info***

1. What does the coop look like?

Our coops are cute, compact, and easy to use. Built for function and style, they include nesting boxes, roost bars, and easy-access doors.

1. Is the coop predator-proof?

Yes. We use solid materials, latches, and predator-resistant designs to keep your chickens safe and sound.

1. How do I move or secure the coop?

Our coops are mobile and easy to reposition with two people. We'll show you how during setup.

1. How do I clean the coop?

Lift the lid or open the doors, remove the droppings tray, and refresh the bedding.

1. Is the coop weatherproof for hot/cold seasons?

Yes! Each coop is designed with ventilation and protection in mind.

***👩‍🌾 First-Time Users***

1. I’ve never had chickens—can I still hire the hens?

Of course! Most of our customers are total beginners. We’ll teach you everything you need to know and stay nearby if you need us.

1. Do chickens make a lot of noise?

Our hens are mostly quiet—just the occasional cluck or egg-laying announcement. No loud crowing here!

1. Will chickens damage my lawn or garden?

They can scratch around a bit, but it’s typically minor. Supervised foraging avoids most issues—and adds free fertilizer!

1. What if I'm nervous or unsure about handling chickens?

That’s totally normal! We’ll guide you through it, and most users find their confidence within a day or two.

1. Is there a risk of salmonella?

There’s an extremely low risk if you wash hands after handling eggs or chickens and keep things clean. We provide safety tips so everyone stays healthy.

***🥚 Eggs & Production***

1. How many eggs can I expect each week?

Our hens typically lay between 4–6 eggs per week each. Keep in mind, they’re not machines—weather, age, and mood can influence production.

1. Are the eggs safe to eat right away?

Yes! Backyard eggs are fresh and delicious. Just give them a gentle wipe if needed and pop them in the fridge.

1. Do I need to wash the eggs?

Only if they’re visibly dirty. Washing removes a natural coating that helps preserve freshness. When in doubt, wipe instead of rinse.

1. Can I incubate or hatch eggs during the hire?

Nope—not part of our program. Fertile eggs and hatching are a whole other level of chicken keeping!

1. Why did egg production slow down?

It could be due to hot weather, molting, or a change in routine. Don’t worry—it’s normal, and your hens will bounce back soon.

1. Will the chickens lay eggs during the hire? Most likely!

Our hens usually lay 4–6 eggs per week. Egg production can vary slightly with weather, stress, or season.

1. How do I collect and store the eggs?

Check the nesting box daily. Wipe (but don’t wash) clean eggs, and store them in the fridge—unless you’re going for that charming countertop display.

***💵 Payment & Pricing***

1. How much does it cost to hire these chickens?

Our packages vary based on duration and features. Check our [Pricing page] for current rates—we keep it clear and upfront.

1. Are there discounts for longer hires?

Yes! The longer you host, the better the deal. We also offer seasonal promos—so it’s worth checking in.

1. What payment methods do you accept?

Cash. If you have questions, we’re happy to work with you.

***🔧 Support & Emergencies***

1. Who do I contact if something goes wrong?

You can call, text, or email us—we respond quickly and are always happy to help troubleshoot or swing by if needed.

1. What happens during a severe weather emergency?

We’ll reach out if bad weather is forecasted and provide tips. In extreme cases, we may pick up early for safety.

1. Can I return the chickens early?

Yes. Just give us a little notice, and we’ll schedule an early pickup. We’ll adjust your balance if it applies.

1. What if I fall in love—can I adopt the chickens?

It happens all the time! We absolutely offer adoptions after the hire—just ask and we’ll see what’s possible.

🔚 The End of the Hire

1. What happens at the end of the hire period?

We’ll contact you to schedule pickup and make the process as smooth as delivery. Handshakes optional. Smiles guaranteed

#### [Hanover County](https://www.hanovercounty.gov/): Section 26-298.1. - Keeping of chickens in residential districts.

1. Notwithstanding any district regulations to the contrary, the keeping ofchickens on lots with single-family detached homes within the RS, R-1, R-2, and R-3 districts shall be permitted as an accessory use so long as the following conditions are satisfied:
2. There shall no more than six (6) female chickens (hens) kept on the property. No male chickens (roosters) are permitted.
3. All chickens shall be kept within an enclosure on the property. This enclosure shall:
	1. Contain a coop to house the chickens;
	2. Be constructed entirely within the rear yard of the property; and
	3. Be a minimum of fifteen (15) feet from all side and rear lot lines.
4. All areas associated with the keeping of chickens shall be cleaned and made free of waste on a regular basis. Waste associated with the use shall be disposed of in an appropriate waste disposal container that is periodically removed from the site.
5. The property owner shall employ a means of eliminating any odor problems and propagation of insects related to the use. (Ord. No. 16-02, § 1, 5-11-16)

Be sure to check your local ordinances to make sure you can legally enjoy the benefits of raising egg-laying hens.

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**[King William County](https://www.kwc.gov/):**  Owner must keep fowl on owners’ property

* Chicken, Geese and other fowl permitted
* Only permitted on the property of a single-family detached residence
* Lots less than 20,000 square feet may keep up to (6) fowl
* Prohibited fowl: Roosters
* Noise and restrictions apply

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**[New Kent County](https://www.newkent-va.us/):** Chickens and other farm animals/live stock (excluding horses) are only allowed in A-1 zoning.

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