

CHICKEN COOP KNOW HOW:

Important Information to Ensure you provide a safe coop for the chicks.

A humane and properly constructed henhouse, with at least two (2) feet of grade level ground clearance shall be provided.

The structure must include solid, secure sides, including a solid top, that maintain confinement and prevents entry of predatory animals such as foxes or hawks. Sides should be embedded into the ground no less than one foot unless attached to a frame. Exterior surfaces, not inherently resistant to deterioration, shall be treated with a protective coating, such as paint or other suitable preservative, and maintained with sufficient frequency to prevent deterioration.

Enclosure must provide access for proper cleaning and maintenance. It must provide protection from extreme temperatures, including but not limited to insulation, ventilation and drainage; Henhouses must include laying boxes of a minimum surface of fourteen (14) inches by fourteen (14) inches per chicken and must be regularly bedded with sawdust, straw or like material.

All enclosures, including but not limited to structures and fencing, shall be constructed or repaired as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the enclosure.

All henhouses must be properly maintained in a safe, clean, sanitary and substantial condition that possess no health threat to the chickens or citizens and does not create a public nuisance.

All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens that are likely to attract or to become infested with or infected by rats, mice, or other rodents shall be protected so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from gaining access to or coming into contact with them;

Disposal of Chicken Waste/Manure: Waste products (manure) generated from the raising of chickens shall be composted on-site by the owner when possible. If on-site composting is impractical the waste products shall be double bagged in clear plastic bags and placed in the rollout container for disposal along with the regular household trash. All hens shall be contained, at all times, within a fence of at least four (4) feet high. Each hen shall have a minimum of four (4) square feet of range area. The range area must be well drained so there is no accumulation of moisture. All structures, fencing, and hens must be located in the rear yard of the dwelling.

