



Backyard Chickens - Start Up Checklist:

1. Local Rules & Approvals	
- Check your city/municipality bylaws	
- Confirm how many hens are allowed	
- Confirm if roosters are permitted	
- Check minimum lot size / zoning requirements	
- Review setback rules	
- Check permit requirements	
2. Coop Requirements	
- Proper coop size (at least 3sqft per chicken)	
- Predator-proof structure	
- Good ventilation without drafts	
- Weather protection	
- Solid roof	
- Nesting boxes (1 per 3–4 hens)	
- Roosting bars (8–10 in per chicken)	
3. Run & Outdoor Space (Optional but recommended)	
- Covered run	
- Hardware cloth protection	
- Dig-proof perimeter	
- Shade area	
5. Getting the Coop ready	
- Proper feeder	
- Clean waterer	
- Bedding material (Pine wood shavings is recommended)	
6. Getting your chickens	
- Purchase incubator and fertilized eggs to hatch your self	
- Purchase young chicks from reputable breeder	
- Purchase more mature chicken (Egg layers at about 6 months)	