



# 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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