



Frequently Asked Questions about Keeping Chickens

1. How many chickens may I keep?

City ordinance will allow you to keep up to 6 hens and NO roosters.

2. How large may I build my chicken coop?

Your chicken coop may not exceed 80 square feet or be taller than 8 feet.

3. May I allow my chickens to roam or fly freely in my front or back yard?

No, you must provide interior fencing that will contain your chickens to the immediate area where your coop is located.

4. How do I dispose of chicken waste?

You must dispose of your waste in an approved waste container or an active compost pile. If you pursue the option of composting, you must insure that the process meets routine composting activity and are not perceived as generally discarding the waste openly on your property.

5. What types of materials may I use for the interior fencing?

You may use chicken wire, stockade fencing, chain link fencing or other similar material. The inspecting officer will be verifying that the fencing is sufficient to contain the chickens and that the materials used will not create aesthetic nuisance for your neighbors.

6. Where can I place my coop on my property?

The chicken coop must be located in the rear yard and must be located at least 25 feet from the nearest dwelling or business on the neighboring properties. Your coop may not be located within 5 feet of ANY adjoining property line.

7. Do I need a permit to keep chickens?

Yes. You will need to visit the Animal Services and Adoption Center located at 2247 Sandy Lake Road, Carrollton, TX, 75006, to obtain an application for your annual permit. You will complete the permit, pay the annual permit fee of \$20 and schedule an inspection with one of our Animal Service Officers. The ASO will complete the inspection to verify that you comply with our ordinances and then provide you with an approved permit. Should you fail to pass the inspection, you will be provided feedback on how to comply and a follow-up inspection will be scheduled at no charge to you. Call our team in Animal Services at (972) 466-3420 with any questions.

8. What else do I need to know about keeping chickens?

You may not sell eggs or chickens from your property at any time. You may not process chickens in the view of any public right-of-way at any time. All food must be stored in a manner that will not attract rodents. ANY violation of our codes related to keeping chickens may result in citations being issued as well as the suspension or cancellation of your permit.