

Why are people getting into chickens?

There is a growing awareness of how easy and fun chickens are to raise. People see that chickens are a multi purpose pet! They are easy to care for. They eat the bugs and weeds in your backyard, generate fantastic fertilizer, and are fun to watch and interact with.

People desire to get their food from local and healthy sources. There is a preference for eggs from chickens that were fed well and treated humanely.

One of backyardchickens.com's most popular catch-phrases offers this perspective:
"My Pet Makes Me Breakfast!"



* * CHICKEN SCRATCH * *

Alektorophobia: The fear of poultry

The Largest Chicken egg:
12 ounces; 12.25 inches

The most yolks in a single egg: 9

Chickens can fly.

The longest flight: 13 seconds

Chickens can travel 9 miles per hour

Chickens were domesticated
8,000 years ago

It takes 24-26 hours to lay an egg

It takes 21 days to hatch an egg

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Backyard Chickens



A Guide to Raising Poultry in Neenah



More information at
SustainableNeenah.org

WHY CHICKENS?



You can be a part of the local food movement!

The local food movement is taking off, and by keeping chickens, you can take pride in being a producer and not just a consumer. Help feed your own existence!



GETTING STARTED

- * A coop/house
- * Nest boxes
- * A run
- * A waterer/feeder
- * Fresh water/feed
 - * Bedding
- * Up to four hens

Neenah Rules Concerning Poultry

Residents keeping poultry are required to register with the City Inspections Department.

No more than four total poultry may be kept per property.

Poultry are allowed on single-family properties only.

All poultry coops and yards shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition and free from all objectionable odors, and shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Health Officer.

Poultry shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times.

The enclosure shall be located no closer than 25 feet to any neighboring home.

No Roosters allowed.

No slaughtering of poultry allowed.

WEB SITES

BASIC INFORMATION

- backyardchickens.com
- mypetchicken.com
- raisingchickensforeggs.com
- almanac.com/home-pets-family/raising-chickens-blog

BREED INFORMATION

- ithaca.edu/staff/jhenderson/chooks/chooks.html
- ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/poultry/
- poultrypages.com/chicken-breeds.html
- backyardchickens.com/breeds/breed-search.php

ORDERING BIRDS

- idealpoultry.com
- cacklehatchery.com
- meyerhatchery.com
- sunnysidehatchery.com
- Greenville Co-op 757-6556 (This is a local co-op that Sunnyside Hatchery delivers to.)

BOOKS

Neenah Public Library Poultry Resources.

~*Raising Chickens for Dummies*

Kimberly Willis and Robert T. Ludlow

~*Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens*

Gail Damerow

~*Keep Chickens! Tending Small Flocks in Cities, Suburbs and other Small Spaces*

Barbara Kilariski

~*A Chicken in Every Yard*

Robert and Hannah Litt



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Registration Form for Keeping of Fowls

The City of Neenah Municipal Code Chapter 3-3 relating to the keeping of fowls is printed on the back of this form.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

List Types of Fowl you are currently keeping:

Types of fowl include but are not limited to chickens, ducks, geese, doves, turkeys, guinea, peacocks, pigeons, etc.

Number of fowl you are currently keeping:

Limit is four (4) total fowl per property

Location of where fowl will be kept:

(e.g., backyard, SW corner of lot, etc.)

Type of Enclosure: _____

Signature of Owner

Date

Please sign and return this form to the Neenah Department of Community Development.
If you have any questions regarding this form, please call 886-6130.

Sec. 3-3. - Keeping of fowls.

(a)

No person shall keep or harbor any chickens, doves or other fowl or build, erect or maintain and use any chicken coop or yard, dove cote or other building or yard to keep or house any chickens, doves or other fowl anywhere within the City without registering the name and address of the owner and the approximate number of chickens, doves or other fowl to be kept by such owner at the Office of the Building Inspector. The total number of chickens, doves or other fowl shall not exceed four per premises.

(b)

All chicken coops and yards, dove cotes and other buildings or yards wherein any domestic animals are contained shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition and free from all objectionable odors and shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Building Inspector. Approval shall be given upon a showing that such facilities are clean, in sanitary condition and free from all objectionable odors.

(c)

Chicken coops and yards, dove cotes and other buildings or yards permitted under this section shall be limited to the keeping of up to a total of four chickens, doves, poultry or fowl per property, and shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1)

The principal use of the property where a chicken coop and yards, dove cotes and other buildings or yards may be permitted is limited to single-family dwellings.

(2)

No person shall keep any rooster.

(3)

No person shall slaughter any chickens, doves, poultry or fowl.

(4)

The chickens, doves, poultry or fowl shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times.

(5)

No enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet to any residential structure on an adjacent lot and shall not exceed 25 square feet unless permitted as an accessory building.

(Code 1977, § 10.10; Ord. No. 1382, § 1, 2-4-2009; Ord. No. 2012-4, § 2, 6-20-12)