

BACKYARD HENS: RESOURCES AND LINKS

Alberta residents who wish to raise backyard hens will contact their city to learn about local urban hen bylaws and to acquire a license. Urban chickens tend to be limited to eight or fewer hens per residence.

The information below is not meant to replace information from your municipality, nor is it exhaustive. Livestock owners have responsibilities under federal, provincial, and municipal laws whether they care for a single animal or many animals. Several non-profit organizations also have information on their websites.

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- **How to Prevent and Detect Disease in Backyard Flocks and Pet Birds.** *Canadian Food Inspection Agency.*
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/diseases/bird-health-basics/eng/1323643634523/1323644740109>
- **BIOSECURITY BEST PRACTICES. Keeping Small Flocks Healthy.** *Alberta Veterinary Medical Association*
<http://dev.abvma.ca/documents/KeepingSmallFlocksHealthyBooklet/KeepingSmallFlocksHealthyBooklet.pdf>
- **Small Flock Poultry Health. Disease Prevention and Good Management.** *British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture*
http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/ahc/poultry/small_flock_manual.pdf
- **Animal Health Act.** *Government of Alberta*
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/acts12272](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/acts12272)
- **Animal Protection Act and Regulations.** *Government of Alberta*
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/acts6029](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/acts6029)
- **Premises Identification (PID) Program.** *Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development*
www.agriculture.alberta.ca/premises
- **Flu Advice for Backyard Swine and Poultry Owners.** *Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development*
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/afs12665](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/afs12665)
- **Farm Direct Marketing Eggs: What You Need to Know.** *Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development*
[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex14045](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/agdex14045)
- **Becoming an Egg Farmer.** *Egg Farmers of Alberta*
<http://eggs.ab.ca/industry/becoming-an-egg-farmer>

MUNICIPAL BYLAWS ALLOWING 6 OR FEWER HENS PER RESIDENCE

Visit the municipality websites to access bylaws for hens or to speak with a bylaw representative.

- Town of Peace River Bylaw No. 1832
- Town of Rocky Mountain House Bylaw 14/07V
- Red Deer Bylaw 3517/2014