

Local Resources for Keeping Hens¹

Municipal requirements:

Edmonton: <http://www.edmonton.ca/hens>

St. Albert: <https://stalbert.ca/city/approvals/backyard-hens>

Leduc: <https://www.leduc.ca/hens-and-bees-program/backyard-hen-keeping>

Calgary: [Urban Hens Program](#)

Alberta Premises Identification Program:

[Premises Identification Program | Alberta.ca](#)

Edmonton and area veterinarians who have indicated an interest in caring for hens:

Albany Veterinary Clinic – Dr. Dobrescu

Blackfalds Vet Hospital (just outside of Red Deer, AB) – Dr. Lydia du Toit

Castledowns Animal Hospital – Dr. Sired

Crestwood Veterinary Centre – Dr. Scott and Dr. Heffelfinger

Harvest Pointe Animal Hospital – Dr. Darren Mandrusiak and Dr. Susanna Ogle

Hastings Lake Animal Hospital – Dr. Dani Montoya

Ottewell Animal Clinic – Dr. Pettifor

Park Veterinary Centre – Dr. Teresa Bousquet

Southside Animal Hospital – Dr. Heather Steele

Stockyards Veterinary Services – Dr. Megan Johnsen

Uncas Veterinary Clinic - Dr. Tanya Marazzo

General info on keeping backyard hens:

[Health Tool - Poultry World](#)

<http://www.poultrydvm.com>

[Henderson's Handy Dandy Chicken Chart](#)

[Raising Chickens 101 - Chicks, Breeds, Coops, Tips | BackYard Chickens - Learn How to Raise Chickens](#)

[Poultry Breeds - The Livestock Conservancy](#)

<http://thepoultrysite.com>

[Chicken Breeds - My Pet Chicken](#)

Alberta Chickens Etc facebook group

[Raising chickens in Alberta : a guide for small flock owners - Open Government](#)

<https://www.backyardchickens.com>

<http://www.the-chicken-chick.com>

¹ Always check with your local authority as to permit or licensing requirements in your area.

<http://www.rivercitychickens.org>

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Coops and supplies:

Note: Coops and runs must meet local bylaw requirements and must protect against Edmonton winters. Proper coop design is critical. Watch for adequate ventilation and ensure protection from drafts. It is your responsibility to review your municipality's requirements and ensure that your coop complies.

DIY: many coop designs are available online, but will need modification to ensure adequate space, insulation, and ventilation.

Pre-made: most pre-made coops will need significant modification to ensure adequate space, insulation, and ventilation.

Custom: local businesses, such as [Urban Coops](#) may offer custom coops.

Breeds, local chicken breeders:

Note: Select cold-hardy breeds with low-profile comb and wattles and plenty of feathers. Ensure hens meet the minimum age requirements for your area. Always consider biosecurity when choosing or introducing new hens.

Breeders: River City Chickens does not recommend any particular breeders. You may be able to locate breeders in your area via Alberta Chickens Etc Facebook group or www.kijiji.ca.

Feed/bedding/vet supplies:

G&E pharmacy: <http://www.gepharmacy.com>

Clover Bar Feeds: <http://www.cloverbarfeeds.com/feedstore/poultry/Ranchmart> - Fencing Wire, Fencing Wire, Farm, Livestock Panels

Leduc Coop: <http://www.leduccoop.ca>

UFA <http://www.ufa.com/>

[Parkland Chip Products | Bulk & Bagged Wood Shavings](#)

Biosecurity information / best practices:

[How to prevent and detect disease in small flocks and pet birds - inspection.canada.ca](http://inspection.canada.ca)

[Resources for poultry owners | Alberta.ca](#)

[Infectious laryngotracheitis | Alberta.ca](#)

[PoultryDVM | Visual, Interactive Poultry Health Information](#)

End of life services / rehoming:

Local veterinarians (see above)

Hutterite Colonies