

Chicken coop cleaning / take it to the coop

Daily: inspect during care. Weekly or as needed: remove buildup. Thorough cleaning: plan at least annually in UMN guidance, and when conditions require. This sheet is ordinary care, not an illness-response plan.

Check / stage	Action and completion check
☐ 01 / Prepare the route and supplies	Prepare tools, protection, waste destination and fresh bedding. Check that the container fits the exit.
☐ 02 / Arrange a separate place for birds	For a thorough clean, secure birds elsewhere with water. Suspected illness: obtain veterinary direction.
☐ 03 / Remove portable equipment	Remove portable equipment and lift-out fittings. Expose corners; leave structural supports in place.
☐ 04 / Remove bedding and accumulated waste	Lift out bulk bedding and waste in manageable loads. Control dust before continuing.
☐ 05 / Scrape and remove attached debris	Scrape remaining deposits at edges, nests and below roosts. Investigate soft wood or damaged seams.
☐ 06 / Clean exposed surfaces and equipment	Clean with an assembly-compatible method; wet-clean only where suitable. Work top-down, rear to exit.
☐ 07 / Complete product-specific rinse or disinfection	Follow label rinse/disinfection steps and contact time when required. Never mix products.
☐ 08 / Let the enclosure dry	Keep birds out until the assembly and equipment are fully dry. Recheck seams and shaded corners.
☐ 09 / Inspect what cleaning exposed	Inspect floor edges, vents, latches and mesh. Resolve damage or closure failures before occupation.
☐ 10 / Reset the dry interior	Restore dry bedding, secure fittings, water and feed. Respect product re-entry requirements.
☐ 11 / Finish the work and note the repeat problem	Clean tools/footwear, remove gear and wash hands. Record the recurring problem and next check.

Date: _____ Recurring problem / next check: _____

Sources: UMN Extension, Raising chickens for eggs (cadence/dust); USDA APHIS, Cleaning and disinfecting poultry enclosures (sequence). Use product labels and site-specific directions.