



Cleaning your coop

Key points:

- Clean out at least weekly
- Remove bedding and scrape out droppings
- Add fresh bedding
- Use mite and absorbent powder
- Deep clean once a year

Cleaning out your chicken coup should be at least a weekly job, but you may have to do it more often if you keep a lot of birds. It is an important part of keeping poultry as a build up of faeces leads to a build up of ammonia which can damage your birds' respiratory systems and eyes.

- Remove all of the old bedding and scrap out any droppings. You may have to scrub the inside to get rid of all of the residue. A poultry detergent is good to break down any residue.
- Once the coop is fully dry, replace the bedding with fresh bedding and dust mite powder or Diatom Powder on to the bedding to discourage infestations.
- You can also dust the bedding with an absorbent powder to help make it last a bit longer.

Types Of Bedding

Floor litters should be dust free and absorbent, but the choice is really down to personal preference and budget.

Straw: Whilst normally used in nesting boxes, straw can also be used as a floor covering. However it isn't particularly absorbent, can become damp quickly and so needs changing more regularly.

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Wood Shavings: Wood shavings are relatively inexpensive and highly absorbent so make a good choice for bedding. However, make sure you buy ones with the dust extracted to avoid respiratory problems. The shavings should also be soft wood.

Chopped Cardboard: Absorbent and easy to clean out, chopped cardboard is also dust free and will compost easily.

Deep Clean

It is a good idea to give your coop an annual deep clean. A sunny day is ideal to help the coop dry more quickly, plus the UV rays can kill bacteria.

You will need to take apart the coop and remove all the internal parts. If you have one, use a pressure washer to get into the corners and nooks, but however you wash it, make sure you are thorough. A detergent scrub will help to get everything clean.



Once you've rinsed the coop thoroughly, spray with a disinfectant spray to kill any remaining unwanted guests and leave to dry completely before putting it back together.

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