



## Recommendations

An important part of poultry keeping is to keep your animals in a healthy and sanitary environment.

Follow these tips to avoid nuisance situations:

- Locate pens, runs and cages as far away as possible from adjoining houses.
- Regularly clean and maintain pens, runs and cages.
- Concrete or pave the flooring to any roosting/nesting areas to allow for easy cleaning.
- Protect roosting/nesting areas from the weather.
- Ensure all food storage containers are kept in a good, clean condition and that they are pest and vermin proof.
- Do not over feed animals, as excessive feed will attract vermin and pests. Be careful not to leave any feed out overnight and remove any uneaten food.
- Regularly change the water in drink containers to avoid mosquito breeding.
- Bury deceased birds as soon as possible.
- Spread straw around pens, runs and cages to absorb droppings and prevent fly breeding; this straw can be used as mulch for your garden.
- Chickens should not be allowed to roam as they could contaminate communal areas such as pot plants or vegetable gardens.

## Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

Poultry keeping should not create a nuisance for neighbours. Adverse effect on amenity value of the area may trigger neighbour complaints.

Nuisance situations can arise from the generation of dust, noise or odours and the attraction of pests and vermin.

Council officers may investigate nuisance complaints in accordance to the Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

## Things to avoid

- Keeping roosters or any other animal that generates a lot of noise.
- Keeping poultry on smaller sized allotments.
- Overstocking an area with excessive numbers of animals.
- Selling eggs without appropriate accreditation from PIRSA.