



**Moreland**  
City Council

# Keeping Chickens

To keep your chickens happy and healthy and to avoid causing a nuisance to your neighbours it is important the chickens are cared for and kept in an appropriate enclosure

## Chicken Coops

Coops should be roofed with galvanized iron or other approved materials with guttering leading to adequate water drains.

External walls should be constructed of galvanized iron or fibrous cement.

Coops should be paved with concrete at least 75mm thick and with galvanized iron to a depth of 300mm around the coop.

## Housing Structures

Any structure used for housing chickens is to be kept:

10 metres from the frontage of any street or road;

3 metres from any other street;

1.5 metres from the boundary of any adjoining allotment of land; and

7 metres from any dwelling whether on the same land or adjoining land.

## Council Regulations

The maximum number of chickens allowed on a property is 4 (other than a flat, unit, apartment or townhouse).

No chickens are allowed in a flat, unit, apartment or townhouse unless a permit has been granted.

If you are wanting to keep additional chickens on your property you must apply for an Excess Animal permit from Council.

## Upkeep

Any structure used for housing chickens must be maintained:

in a clean and sanitary condition; so as not to cause any nuisance; and free from refuse, rubbish and other material which harbours or attracts vermin.

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## Cleaning

Clean your chicken coop regularly to help keep chickens healthy, prevent diseases, smells, rats and mice.

To prevent the harbouring of rats, mice or vermin, the ground surrounding the poultry house must be well drained and maintained in a neat manner.

All manure refuse and rubbish produced by chickens must be placed in a fly and vermin proof receptacle and disposed of at least once a week.

## Feeding

All food must be kept in a rat, mice and vermin proof container and kept off the floor of the poultry house.

### Moreland Language Link

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