

Winter Happiness Checklist

1st, read the article, if you haven't:

<http://www.permaculturechickens.com/#!48-Ways-to-keeping-Chickens-happy-this-winter-/c1aod/F00420C3-7D6D-4327-9DAB-5348A9490C81>

7 Things To Get Rid Of

- ☐ A sweater
- ☐ Petroleum jelly
- ☐ Straw bales - unless it's extremely cold, but be sure to watch for mold.
- ☐ Mismatched light sockets
- ☐ Teflon Coated light bulbs
- ☐ Heat or heat lamps
- ☐ Continual light

2 Things to Consider If You Don't Have Chickens

- ☐ Select an appropriate breed.
- ☐ Face your house south (including windows and doors).

3 Ways to keep your birds well Hydrated

- ☐ Always have it available.
- ☐ Keep it clean.
- ☐ Keep it warm - Put it up at night, get a warmer or change it out regularly.

12 Winter Food Options

- ☐ Vermicomposting
- ☐ Sprouting
- ☐ Weeds
- ☐ Green house
- ☐ Cover crops
- ☐ Mulch your winter run
- ☐ Sow ground
- ☐ Animal products
- ☐ Tree crops
- ☐ Compost
- ☐ Food from the winter garden
- ☐ Predators or road kill

14 tips for Winterizing your Housing

- ☐ Give her the option to stay in or out.
- ☐ Do at least 4" of deep litter.
- ☐ Install vents in high places.

- ☐ Cover windy and dark side openings.
- ☐ Cover any windy side slits.
- ☐ Make sure they have 3' square inside and out.
- ☐ Provide 8-9" of roosting space per bird.
- ☐ Block any rodent doors.
- ☐ Light in their coop during the day.
- ☐ Windows and doors towards the sun, if possible.
- ☐ Install ramps w/ cleat or ladders if needed.
- ☐ Bedding should be dry.
- ☐ Water should be kept outside.
- ☐ Add bedding daily or as needed to keep it clean.

9 Ways to keep your birds active

- ☐ Logs or stumps.
- ☐ Wind block features handmade or natural.
- ☐ Add a "sun room".
- ☐ Mulch over snow to create paths.
- ☐ Set out boards, and even outdoor roosts.
- ☐ Throw out feed on the ground.
- ☐ Hang cabbage or hay.
- ☐ At least 4" to 8" of deep mulch.

☐ Put them to work tilling or weeding.