

## Quick Tips

### Keep Disease Out



Limit contact with outside birds, people, and equipment to prevent disease.

### Keep it Clean



Clean and disinfect shoes, coops, tools, and hands to stop germs from spreading.

### Keep Wild Birds + Pests Away



Control rodents and wild birds to reduce disease risks.

### Watch for Illness



If sickness is found, separate sick birds from healthy birds.

### Report Deaths



Report unusual deaths to your veterinarian or an animal health official in your state.



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Report unusual illness or deaths *immediately* to a veterinarian or state animal health official.

## Resources



[www.healthybirds.info](http://www.healthybirds.info)



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# BIOSECURITY FOR SMALL FLOCKS

## How to protect your flock from disease



**Use these tips and checklists to protect your birds**



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## Keep Disease Out

- Buy birds from reputable sources that participate in disease-free programs.
- Separate new or returning birds for at least 10 days to monitor for signs of illness before mixing with your flock.
- Wear clean, dedicated flock clothes and shoes that haven't been around other birds.
- Don't borrow or share equipment with other flocks.
- Avoid mixing species (chickens, ducks, turkeys) to reduce disease spread.
- Limit visitors, especially those who own birds.

**Limit visitors around your birds**

**Don't borrow or share equipment**

**Wear clean dedicated coop shoes and clothing**

## Keep Wild Birds + Pests Away



- Use netting, fencing, or covers to keep wild birds out.
- Store feed in rodent-proof containers and clean up spills.
- Control flies and other insects to reduce disease risks.
- Use traps and remove clutter like tall grass around coops to reduce rodents.

## Watch for Illness

- Separate sick birds immediately to prevent spread.
- Watch for signs like fluffed-up, loss of appetite, or odd droppings.
- Contact your veterinarian or a poultry health expert about sick birds.

**Separate new or sick birds from the flock**

## Keep it Clean

- Wash hands before and after handling birds.
- Clean and disinfect coops, feeders, and waterers regularly.
- Provide fresh food and water daily.
- Dispose of manure and bedding properly to reduce germs.
- Work with healthy birds first, sick birds last.

**Handle healthy birds before sick birds**

**Regularly clean coops, feeders, and waterers**

**Wash hands before and after handling birds**