

DO I NEED A PERMIT TO KEEP POULTRY?

YES

You will need a permit if you keep ten or more birds in a residential area

NO

If you have less than ten birds you **DO NOT** need a permit but must meet the following guidelines.

NOTE: YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO KEEP POULTRY IF YOUR BLOCK SIZE IS LESS THAN 450m²



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If you wish to keep poultry in the Wodonga municipal area you must follow the rules and regulations set down in the City of Wodonga's Local Law No. 3.

There are a number of good reasons why these regulations have been introduced. Such things as odour, rooster noise and the presence of rats and mice can cause problems when keeping poultry.

The following information is designed to help minimize these problems.

When we refer to poultry we mean fowls, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, ducklings, pigeons, squab or any bird generally produced for human consumption.



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HOW MANY CAN I KEEP IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA ?

If your block is larger than 450m², you may keep:

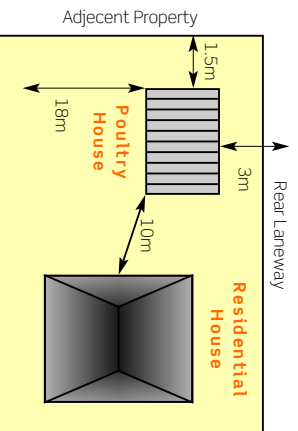
- A maximum of 10 birds (Poultry) or
- A maximum of 40 racing pigeons or
- A maximum of 10 caged birds
- No roosters permitted

If your block is smaller than 450m², the following applies:

- You may keep a maximum of 5 caged birds
- You are not permitted to keep any poultry, racing pigeons or roosters

WHERE CAN I HOUSE MY POULTRY?

The following diagram details the positioning of your poultry house.



Front Street

If you keep poultry you must keep them in an approved construction.

You can not keep poultry in a battery laying cage or a battery laying cage system, without a special permit.

POULTRY HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

In general, your poultry house must conform to all requirements outlined in the Council's statutory building codes and planning scheme. However, in particular your structure must adhere to the following specifications:

Roof

You must use galvanized iron or other approved impervious material.
The structure must have guttering and a spouting leading to adequate storm water drains.

Walls

External walls must be constructed of approved vermin proof materials.

Floor

You must have galvanized iron, joint brick work or concrete around the foundations to a depth of at least fifty centimeters below ground level or a vermin proof floor.

It must be paved with approved impervious material that is at least ten centimeters above the level of the ground.

It must be able to hold at least twenty centimeters of litter.

HOW BIG SHOULD MY POULTRY HOUSE BE?

To determine the maximum number of poultry you can keep in an existing poultry house or the size of a poultry house to build you should use the following formula.

Multiply the total square meters of the poultry house by 3.5

Example

If your poultry house is 3 square meters then you multiply 3 x 3.5 and you get 10.5. That means you can keep 10 head of poultry in a 3 square metre poultry house. Refer to the maximum number of birds you are permitted to keep in this brochure.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT POULTRY

If Council receives a complaint regarding your poultry, the complaint will be investigated by Council's Officers. If the complaint is found to be justified you will be required to implement remedial measures that may, in the worst instance, include removing the poultry from your premises.