



Guidelines for keeping poultry in a residential area

Under the City of Cockburn's Local Laws, no more than 12 poultry may be kept in a residential area of the City of Cockburn.

The keeping of roosters, turkeys, geese, peacocks and peahens is not permitted, unless approved by an authorised person.



Poultry are required to be kept in an enclosure at all times. The enclosure must be constructed in accordance with the following requirements:







- The enclosure is to be properly constructed and securely fastened to confine poultry within the area
- The enclosure to have a concrete floor troweled to a smooth finish and laid with a fall of 1:50 to the front (not to drain towards walls/floors of any building)
- The enclosure must be in a yard with an otherwise unobstructed area of at least 30m²
- Animal enclosures must be maintained at all times in a clean condition.



The poultry enclosure must be positioned so that it complies with the following set backs:

- 1.2m from the boundary
- 9m from any dwelling, public building or premises where persons are employed
- 12m from where food for sale is stored, prepared, or manufactured
- 18m from a street (other than a right of way) unless approved by an authorised person.

All residents keeping animals in the City of Cockburn have a responsibility to:

-  Keep the premises free from excrement, filth, food waste and all other matter that is likely to become offensive or injurious to health or to attract rats, vermin or insects.
-  Keep the premises free of flies and use a residual insecticide or use other effective means to kill and repel flies as necessary.
-  Keep feed in a rodent-proof receptacle or compartment.
-  Where there is an indication of the presence of rodents (eg mouse droppings, gnaw marks) use a rodenticide bait or a baited trap and prevent rodents having access to water on the premises.
-  Ensure animal drinking water is changed frequently and kept clean and free from vegetable matter and slime to prevent mosquito breeding.
-  Follow any direction given by an authorised person, relating to any of the above requirements.



Manure Management

- Store manure in a manner that prevents the escape of odours, dust and particles and must be fully enclosed or treated to prevent it becoming a breeding place for flies or other vectors of disease
- When storing manure temporarily prior to disposal, ensure it is kept in a dry receptacle or disposed of in sealed garbage bags in your rubbish bin
- Where manure is used as fertiliser, only store amounts that can be readily used within a reasonable time or dig manure into the garden immediately after removing from the enclosure
- Follow any direction given by an authorised person, relating to any of the above requirements.

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