

BACKYARD CHICKENS

In Rockville, you may have up to five female chickens for personal use at a single-family home. Roosters are not permitted. Chickens are not allowed at townhouses. You must obtain a permit before keeping chickens at your home

Chickens are not permitted for slaughter.

Still have questions? Contact:

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES



240-314-8937

Permit Process



Notify Neighbors

Provide written notification to all next-door neighbors and neighbors that connect to your property boundary.



Create a Site Plan

A site plan including the location of the chicken coop must be included in your application. Rockville requires two square-feet per chicken and access to an outdoor enclosure. The enclosure must be at least five-foot away from the property boundary.

File the Application with the Police Department

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Bring all materials with you to the [Police Department](#) Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Pay the \$25 permit fee by bringing a check or money order made payable to City of Rockville.



Register with the State of Maryland

Complete the [Poultry Registration Form](#) and register your chickens with the State of Maryland.

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