

Rent-a-Chick Program Care Guide



PICKUP & RETURN

Pickup March 2nd 10a - 12p

Return March 16th 1 - 3p

IMPORTANT: Failure to return all supplies & chicks may result in a \$35 charge to credit card on file.

SUPPLIES

- Baby chicks
- 2-week supply of feed & feeder
- Waterer
- Brooding bin, heat lamp, extra bulb
- Pine shavings bedding
- Chicken Wire (see general care)

HOUSING

- Choose an area inside of your home or in your garage
- DO NOT place chicks outside on a porch, deck, or area where they will be in the elements and susceptible to predators
- Place chicks in the provided spacious and clean brooder (leave the container OPENED)
- Ensure that the pine bedding is spread evenly on the bottom of the bin
- Ensure proper ventilation while avoiding drafts

WATERING

- Fill waterers with clean, fresh water upon arrival and regularly thereafter
- Keep waterers clean to prevent contamination

FEEDING

- Provide chicks feed immediately upon arrival
- Ensure feed is available at all times
- Monitor feed consumption and add more as needed

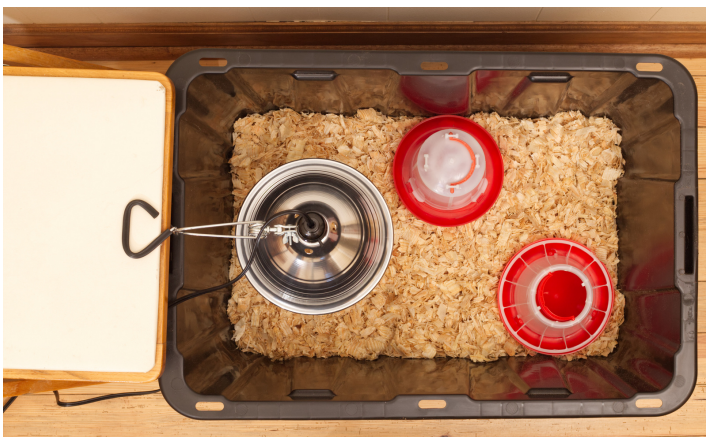
WARMTH

- Attach your brooder heat lamp and plug into a regular outlet.
- Make sure the heat lamp is secured so it doesn't fall and create a hazard
- Use the provided bulb (a back-up is included) *bulb will not put out light*
- Keep lamp plugged in at all times

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TEMPERATURE

- Upon arrival, chicks need a brooder temperature of 90-95°F
- After week 1, reduce temperature to 85 -90°F
- You can lower the temperature by lifting the heat lamp
- Observe chick behavior to ensure their comfort:
- **Too cold** - chicks will be huddled together closely under lamp
- **Too hot** - chicks will be on the opposite side of the brooder far away from the light source (likely panting)
- **Just right** - chicks will be freely moving and spread out around the brooder



GENERAL CARE

- Keep other pets away from chicks
- Properly wash & dry your hands before and after handling chicks
- Monitor chick behavior daily for signs of illness, distress, or bullying
- Do not feed the chicks anything other than provided feed
- Interaction with your chicks is encouraged
- Young children need to be supervised and you should not allow them to hold the chicks on their own until they have had some practice. Watch for pulling, poking, biting, shaking, and dropping (this is a natural reaction for a young child who hasn't interacted before, but they can quickly learn proper handling)
- If your chicks become adventurous, a piece of chicken wire (provided) can be laid across the top of the brooder to keep them from getting out



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For any questions or concerns, reach out to us. Text message is the best way to get a prompt response.