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Essential things for a [chicken coop](#)

Building a house for your chickens can be fun. Chickens are susceptible to disease so it is best that you provide them a [pen](#) that has a solid roof. Hens like the feeling of safe, enclosed nesting areas, so giving this comfort will give you happy hens. The whole chicken pen should be a place where chickens can find comfort and security in it. You have to provide them water inside or outside their pens too. This is a very important factor that you have to consider.

Once you have given your chickens their needs then you can start adding elements so that can make your life a lot easier. Here are things that you have to take into consideration.

It is vital that you provide them automatic watering system. Chickens need access to fresh water and it is best that you provide them a water holder that holds a gallon of water. Locating it near a water spigot is ideal. You should also provide your brood chicks enough lighting so electricity is essential.

You should also provide them automatic food. You can utilize a dispenser that triggers food every day in a specific ration. There are food dispenser models you can find that hangs easily on the wall of the chicken pen. There are additional dispensers that dispense grit or oyster shell and this is useful too. This way, you can go out over the weekend for a vacation without worrying about your chickens starving. Also, hanging feeders tends to less messy with less waste.

Chicken pens must also be a safe place for your chickens. It should be completely enclosed with wire nettings so as to prevent predators from coming in and eating your chickens. Bury the chicken wire around the coop's perimeter to prevent rodents tunneling in. moreover, the pen must provide protection to your chickens against strong winds and the heat of a hot sun. The coop should have a shaded part for their comfort.

The chicken pen must have food storage too. In cases where you can't come up with a brilliant idea for feeding them automatically, then storing food nearby is quite helpful. You can put the food inside bins or garbage cans with tight lids and store it closely in the chicken coop. Also, a bale or two of straw must be stored within the hen house reach so you can easily spread fresh straws into their nesting boxes.

The chicken pen must be cleaned on a regular basis so having a rake or broom nearby for easy access is great. You can sweep off old straw right away.

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