



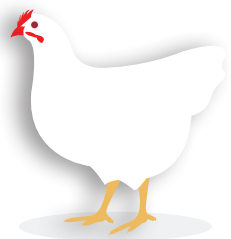
## Keeping urban hens

The District of Squamish supports local food production. Ensure you are informed about best care practices and able to commit to the demands of caring for hens long-term as well as the applicable bylaws.

Precautions must be taken to avoid attracting wildlife such as bears, coyotes, cougars and wolves. Coop areas must be enclosed by an electric fence.

All urban hens are required to be registered.

Visit [squamish.ca/urbanhens](https://www.squamish.ca/urbanhens) to access the registry application.



## Steps to keeping hens

### STEP 1 Review and understand the bylaws.

Before you start raising urban hens, it is important to read and understand the municipal regulations that govern the keeping of urban hens:

- Animal Control Bylaw
- Zoning Bylaw
- Wildlife Attractant Bylaw

### STEP 2 Understand the best practices are for keeping hens in an urban environment.

Educate yourself on best practices for backyard urban hen keeping. Some great resources are available on

[squamish.ca/urbanhens](https://www.squamish.ca/urbanhens)

### STEP 3 Register your urban hens with the District of Squamish.

Complete the Online Registry Application Form/Or Download and complete a PDF copy of the Registry Application Form

Email completed application package to [animalcontrol@squamish.ca](mailto:animalcontrol@squamish.ca)

## Summary of Conditions

Residents on a residential lot within the District of Squamish are permitted up to a maximum of five (5) urban hens and must be a resident of the property where the urban hens are kept.

Urban hens are permitted in all zones are permitted, but land titles must be checked as there are areas within the District that have covenants on land title that specifically restrict land use and may not allow keeping of urban hens

- No roosters are permitted
- No sale of eggs or slaughter of chickens permitted
- Secure all urban hen food that is stored outdoors from vermin and wildlife
- Construct and secure coop and pen from other animals and prevent any rodent from harboring underneath or within it or within its walls.



## You are Required to Register Your Hens

Failure to register your hens is a ticketable offence of \$100 under Animal Control Bylaw 2124.

## Building a Basic Coop with Electric Fencing



An example is on display at the Animal Control Pound located at 39903 Government Road Squamish, BC.

## General Questions or Complaints

Contact Animal Control  
604.815.6866 or  
[animalcontrol@squamish.ca](mailto:animalcontrol@squamish.ca)

## Zoning Inquiries

Contact the Building Department  
604.815.5002  
[buildingdept@squamish.ca](mailto:buildingdept@squamish.ca)

For all wildlife sightings and encounters:

### RAPP

#### Report All Poachers and Polluters

Conservation Officer 24 Hour Hotline  
**1-877-952-RAPP (7277)**  
cell: #7277



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## Keeping Urban Hens in Squamish Wildlife country

