



EGGCITING NEWS!



Raising poultry is now legal on Nanaimo residential properties. Monday, February 8th, City council voted to allow up to four poultry (hens or ducks), **excluding roosters**, on city lots less than 0.4 hectares (one acre).

WHY CHICKENS IN YOUR BACKYARD?

1. Fresh, healthy, delicious eggs, free of pesticides and antibiotics.
2. Chickens eat table scraps, reducing municipal organic waste.
3. Chickens produce a rich fertilizer by-product, high in nitrogen, which is one of the best fertilizers you can find for your vegetable garden.
4. Educational - teaches children where our food comes from and helps them and us get back in touch with nature.
5. Great pets - Chickens are people-friendly.
6. Chickens eat bugs, reducing our backyard pest population.
7. Allows families to take control of their food and "eat local"

WHY KEEP POULTRY IN THE CITY OF NANAIMO?

1. Most citizens in Nanaimo are looking for tangible ways to contribute to environmental sustainability on a local level
2. Through the increasing number of community gardens in Nanaimo, local food production is already happening throughout the city. Small-scale poultry raising is another concrete step toward local food security.

EDUCATION COURSES

- **VIEx** will be offering 4 courses this spring focusing on introduction to the care, maintenance and housing of Poultry. Understanding the City bylaws and guidelines for backyard poultry.
- **Mar 31, Apr 14 & 24, May 12.**
- **SIGN-UP through Parks and Recreation.**

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