

Backyard Hen and Duck Enclosure Checklist:

1. Obtain Backyard Hen and/or Duck Permit:
 - Secure a Backyard Hen and/or Duck Permit from the District before keeping backyard hens and/or ducks.
2. Check Property Zoning:
 - Ensure that the property is zoned as R1 (Residential 1), R2 (Residential 2), or R3 (Residential 3).
3. Property and Ownership Requirements:
 - The property is a single-detached dwelling.
 - A resident of the property will be responsible for caring for the hens and/or ducks.
 - Written consent obtained from the property owner (if the applicant is not the property owner).
4. Rooster Restrictions:
 - Note that roosters are prohibited.
5. Hen and Duck Quantity:
 - On properties 500 m² or less, a maximum of 4 hens or ducks may be permitted (each additional 100 m² of lot area, one additional hen or duck may be kept to a maximum of 8 hens or ducks combined).
6. Coop and Run Location:
 - Locate the hen/duck coop and run in the backyard of the property.
7. Secure Backyard Fencing:
 - Ensure that the backyard is fully fenced without any gaps, holes, or missing fence boards.
8. Coop Size and Placement:
 - The hen and/or duck coop should not exceed 8.0m² in size and should not be taller than 2.0m.
 - Maintain a distance of at least 4.0m between any part of the hen and/or duck coop and pen and the property lines.
9. Containment of Hens and Ducks:
 - Ensure that hens and/or ducks cannot leave the premises of the coop and pen.

10. Proper Care for Hens and Ducks:

- “ Provide sufficient food, water, shelter, light, ventilation, and veterinary care to ensure the good health of the hens and/or ducks.

11. Regular Maintenance:

- “ Regularly attend to the hen and/or duck coop and pen to maintain a clean habitat and minimize odor.

12. Secure Food Storage:

- “ Store all food in a secure manner that does not attract bears, vermin, and other wildlife.

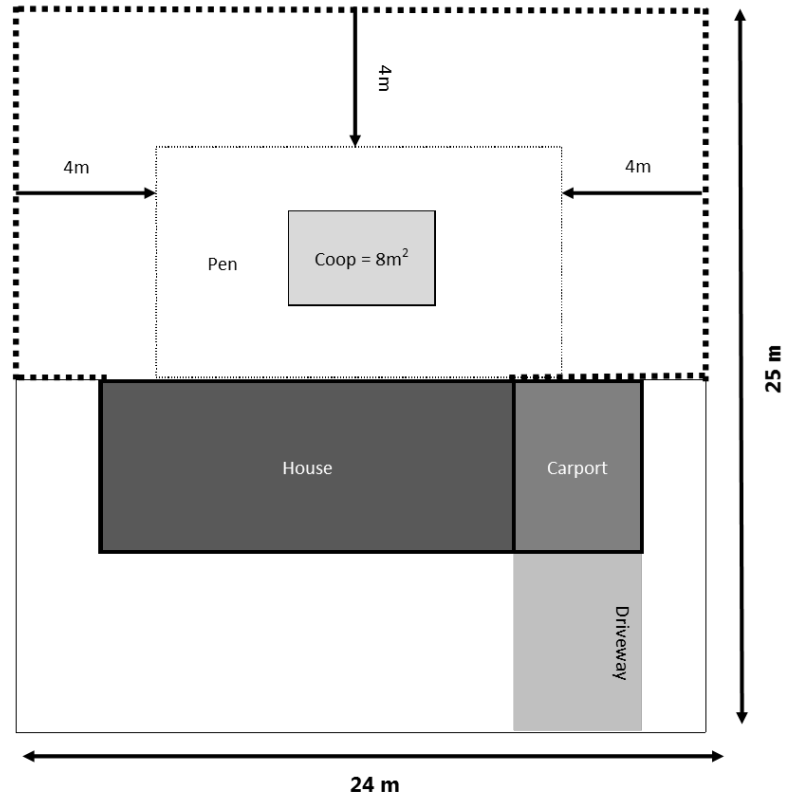
If you contravene any of the District’s requirements after securing your Backyard Hen and or Duck Permit, you may be liable to have your permit revoked.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Animal Control by phone at 250-997-3882 or by email at animalcontrol@districtofmackenzie.ca.

Regulations from Zoning Bylaw No. 1368, 2017
Section 4.24 Backyard Hen and Duck Enclosures

1. Where permitted within a zone, a backyard hen and duck enclosure must, unless otherwise indicated in a zone, comply with the following regulations:
 - i. Backyard hen and duck enclosures must be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling for residential purposes, and must be conducted by a resident of the parcel
 - ii. On properties 500 m² or less a maximum of four (4) hens or ducks may be kept.
 - i. For each additional full 100 m² of lot area one additional hen or duck may be kept to a maximum of eight (8) hens or ducks combined.
 - iii. A minimum enclosure of 0.37 m² (4 ft²) must be provided per chicken or duck.
 - iv. The maximum size of a coop is 8.0 metres² in floor area and 2.0 metres in height
 - v. A backyard hen and duck enclosure must only use a pen and a coop as defined by this bylaw.
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2. A valid permit must be obtained through the District of Mackenzie in order to maintain a backyard hen and duck enclosure.

Example of a residential lot with a backyard hen or duck enclosure:



Lot Size = 600m²

Backyard must be fully fenced.