

WEEKLY CHICK CARE GUIDE

What your chicks need at each stage.



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Hello there!

Raising baby chicks is exciting! However, each week brings its own changes and care needs. Use this quick reference guide to stay on track and confident from week 1 to week 8 (when they're ready to move to the coop!).

Week	What to Focus On	Notes
Week 1	Provide a safe heat source. Show them food & water. Add bedding or paper towels for traction.	Heat panels & plates are best. Give Chick Starter Crumble & add electrolytes to the water.
Week 2	Let them explore you more. Add a small perch. Start offering chick grit.	Let them start climbing into your hands to get used to handling.
Week 3	They'll start to feather. Keep bedding dry. Can start to offer small amounts of treats.	Treats can be mealworms, scrambled eggs, or fruits & veggies. Only offer in small amounts daily.
Week 4	Add a little outdoor playtime on warm days. Watch for pecking.	Give them a sunny spot to explore (supervised) in the grass for an hour each day.
Week 5	Fully feathered chicks can start spending time in a safe outdoor pen most of the day.	During the warmest parts of the day, let the chicks outside with food & water. Bring them in each evening.
Week 6–8	Transition to grower feed. Remove heat source. Move to coop once fully feathered & nights stay above 60°F.	If you already have an established flock, ensure you integrate the new chicks correctly.

Quick Tips

A quick checklist to make sure your chicks have everything they need to stay healthy and happy.

- **Brooder Size:** Plan for about ½ square foot per chick for the first two weeks, and 1 square foot per chick by week four.
- Always have water and feed available 24/7.
- Offer ‘mush’ for the first few weeks. Soften their starter feed with a little water for ease & extra hydration.
- Avoid heat lamps. Brooder plates & panels are safer.
- Don’t use cedar bedding, it’s toxic to them.
- Hang a feather duster to mimic a mama hen for comfort.
- Start good habits early. Clean feeders daily, check their vents for pasty butt, & observe behavior.
- Talk softly to them, your voice builds trust!

Baby Chick Checklist

Supplies

- ◯ Brooder
- ◯ Safe Heat Source
- ◯ Non-slip bedding
- ◯ Chick starter crumble
- ◯ Small feeders & waterers
- ◯ Chick grit
- ◯ Feather dusters
- ◯ Small perches
- ◯ Electrolytes & vitamins

What to Check Daily

- ◯ Check vents for pasty butt.
- ◯ Clean waterer & provide fresh water daily.
- ◯ Fill the feeder.
- ◯ Observe their behavior and look for signs of pecking, injury, or weakness.
- ◯ Observe to see if they need more or less heat.
- ◯ Keep bedding dry, change out as needed.

