

Checklist for Starting a Homestead

☐ **1 Know Your Why**

Why do you want to homestead? What's your main goal?

☐ **2 Start Small**

Start with one project than expand

☐ **3 Local Regulations**

Check zoning rules and restrictions for buildings and animals

☐ **4 Water Source**

Test your water quality and secure where you'll get your water

☐ **5 Basic Tools**

Start scouting for tools that you can use for your homestead

☐ **6 Learn Basic Skills**

Food preservation, composting, animal care and planting

☐ **7 Shelter**

Get your living space and the animals ready

☐ **8 Community**

Connect with local homesteaders and find your people online

☐ **9 Accept Imperfection**

Expect some failures and celebrate the wins!

Bonus Tips

- Keep a journal
- Plan seasonally
- Take photos of your journey!

