



## Deep Clean Chicken Castle

### Important Reminders:

- BEFORE taking any tools into the yard, soak them in buckets of Rescue for 10 minutes. All other items (except towels) need to stay outside the enclosure.
- Chicken Castle has two sides to it. The birds must stay on the sides that they are on. Do not allow them to cross through via open doors in the hallway.
- Please do not add to or remove contents from food bowls.
- Crack any eggs on the ground outside for the birds to eat (they are yummy treats and the hens get some calcium back!)
- When you are finished cleaning, dirty towels should be put in the cleaning bucket and brought directly to the dirty laundry bin in the People Barn. The dirty laundry bin is a large rectangle storage container directly to the right of the washing machine.

### Equipment & Supplies Needed:

- From the People Barn
  - Simple Green cleaning solution
  - 4 bath towels, 1 hand towel (for wiping shelves)
  - Mask, if you wish
- From behind the People Barn
  - 5-gallon bucket for each person cleaning
  - Long-handled scrub brush for each person (either blue or black & yellow)

- Scouring pad for each person (blue handle, black scour pad)
- From the Shop
  - Gloves

**Important!! Shoe covers must be worn inside all bird enclosures!**

## **Instructions:**

1. Remove everything from the floor. This includes waterers, the cat litter pan that holds a water bucket, and food and oyster shell bowls. It also is helpful to remove the big wooden floor perch.
2. **Dust and remove cobwebs. Brooms will work for this.** Get up as high as you can. Check windows, light fixtures, corners, and crevices. Using the broom, sweep the chain link to remove the dust.
3. Remove all shavings. Make sure to get all the corners and along the walls swept.
4. Shovel used shavings into the two garbage cans which are stored right outside the front door. Dump the spent food bucket in the garbage can as well (found in the kitty litter bucket next to the feed can). When full, they can be placed back outside the barn
5. Using a Simple Green dilution of ~1/2 cup to 2 ½ gallons of water, scrub dirt and fecal material off all surfaces (perches, walls flooring, nesting boxes). As water accumulates on the floor, clean up with a towel. If you do this as you go, the floor will be drier when you put down new shavings.
6. Using a towel soaked in Simple Green, wipe down any other surfaces that don't need scrubbing, but that have accumulated dust. This includes the stainless steel shelf.
7. Spread new shavings on the floor at a depth of about 1 inch. The nesting boxes should have 3-4 inches of shavings.
8. **Scrub the waterers and cat litter pan that holds a water bucket using the DEDICATED scour pad attached to the fence near the faucet and water ONLY.** Rinse and fill with fresh water from the faucet. Return to stall, putting them where you found them on top of the bricks or paver block (this helps keep shavings out of them)
9. Put the bowls with oyster shell and any food bowls back in the area where you found them.
10. **Rake the yards.** Smooth out the yard surface, paying particular attention along the fence line. Fill in any holes the chickens have made
11. **Dump the used Simple Green solution in the driveway NOT inside the yard.**
12. **Gather up used towels and put them in the empty cleaning bucket,** keeping them contained until you can get them directly to the dirty laundry container in the People Barn.
13. **Radio the caregiver you are finished** so they can empty the garbage cans.
14. **Gather and return tools** to the Shop and the People Barn.

Thank you!