



## Deep Clean

# Aviary

### Important Reminders:

- BEFORE taking any tools from the shop to the yards, soak them in buckets of Rescue for 10 minutes. All other items (except towels) need to stay outside the yard.
- Please do not remove any medications or ointments.
- Please leave food bowls as you found them.
- 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 cleaning bucket and brought directly to 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.
- Make sure people and equipment are securely inside the airlock before opening the door. Do not let any goats or sheep into the aviary airlock.
- If there are any chickens in the ISO (isolation rooms, there are two), those chickens **MUST** stay in those rooms and no other chickens should be let in.

### Equipment & Supplies Needed:

- From the People Barn
  - Simple Green cleaning solution
  - 8 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
  - Pressure washer for astroturf

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

### Instructions:

1. **Empty barn of all loose items.** Waterers, bowls, and small nesting boxes (cat litter boxes) – put them into the yard.
2. **Strip barn of all shavings in all areas. Use garbage cans to collect.** This includes the Feed Room, isolation (ISO) stalls, and wooden nesting boxes. Empty into the back of the Kubota in the airlock. Be careful when doing this to not let any chickens into the airlock.
3. **Dust and remove cobwebs. Brooms will work for this.** Get as high up as you can. Check windows, corners, crevices, ISO stalls, and Feed Room.
4. **Scrape all substances, including fecal, off all surfaces (perches, walls, flooring, and nesting boxes).**
5. **Scrub walls (including the ISO stalls) with Simple Green.** Focus on areas that have feces and other substances that are dried/caked on the walls. If you see any other objects, like nesting boxes, that need scrubbing, please get those too. Dry all scrubbed areas with the towels.
6. Spread new shavings on the floor at a depth of about 1 inch. The nesting boxes should have 3-4 inches of shavings.
7. **Scrub out waterers (ensure there is no mildew buildup in crevices) using the DEDICATED scour pad attached to the fence (near the brown storage container near the aviary front door) and water ONLY.** Rinse and fill with fresh water from the faucet.
8. **Replenish with one (1) indoor water jug on each side + one (1) outdoor water jug on Side A (left side) and replace water jugs to their proper locations.** All waterers rest on top of a surface above ground level (i.e. bricks) so shavings are less likely to end up in water tray.
9. **Empty left-over feed bucket** (labeled “compost” in the Feed Room) into the back of the Kubota in the airlock

10. **Sweep, scrape, and water down patios.** Use edge of shovel to scrape. Push-broom is great for scrubbing feces off when spraying down. DO NOT use simple green because it will go directly into the chicken yard dirt.
11. **Scrub dirty surfaces in outside areas with Simple Green.** This includes toys, table where water sits, etc.
12. **Clean turf.** A rake can help with getting extra debris out. Lift and shake off. Be VERY careful when setting the mats down after shaking them. The chickens are very excited to forage for bugs under them, so have one person watch to make sure no chickens are underneath before carefully setting them down.
13. **Rake the yards (both sides – A and B).** Get rid of as much fecal matter and debris as possible. Even out all ground.
14. **Leave trash cans upside down in the airlock where originally found.**
15. **Dump the used Simple Green solution in the driveway NOT inside the yard.**
16. **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.
17. **Radio the caregiver you are finished** so they can empty the garbage cans.
18. **Gather and return tools** to the Shop and the People Barn.

Thank you!!!