



BARN IN THE BURBS

SUBURBAN HOMESTEAD CHECKLIST

Get back to basics, right where you are!

Garden & Grow

- ☐ Choose a sunny spot for your garden
- ☐ Start herbs in containers (sage, thyme, rosemary, mint)
- ☐ Plant seasonal vegetables or leafy greens
- ☐ Set up composting (bin, pile, or tumbler)
- ☐ Learn about companion planting
- ☐ Test your soil or improve with natural amendments

Backyard Animals

- ☐ Research local chicken laws/regulations
- ☐ Set up a small coop or chicken tractor
- ☐ Choose a beginner-friendly chicken breed
- ☐ Plan for feed, grit, and water supply
- ☐ Consider adding quail, rabbits, or bees (if space allows)

Kitchen Skills

- ☐ Try a seasonal recipe using your homegrown herbs
- ☐ Learn to make simple jams, pickles, or preserves
- ☐ Experiment with sourdough or homemade bread
- ☐ Create a pantry plan for bulk items



Homestead Crafts

- ☐ Start a simple sewing or mending project
- ☐ Repurpose something old into something useful
- ☐ Plan a DIY project for your backyard (raised bed, trellis, etc.)

Planning & Mindset

- ☐ Set 1-3 homestead goals for the season
- ☐ Create a daily or weekly backyard routine
- ☐ Keep a garden/homestead journal
- ☐ Connect with like-minded folks online or locally

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