

If you own birds or know someone who does... You need to read this!

How To Protect Your Birds from Bird Flu Protect your birds through biosecurity



1 Keep Your Distance.

- Restrict access to your property and birds.
- Fence off your birds and keep gates or buildings locked.
- Keep game birds and migratory waterfowl away from your flock.



2 Keep it Clean.

- When working with your birds, wear clean clothes and wash your hands.
- Clean cages and change water daily.
- Disinfect all tools and equipment.



3 Don't Haul Disease Home.

- Don't borrow tools or cages.
- Clean and disinfect your truck or car if you traveled where there were birds.
- When you get home, change clothes immediately.
- Keep new birds separate from your flock for at least 30 days.



4 Don't Borrow Disease from your Neighbors.

- Don't share garden tools or poultry supplies.
- Shared equipment must be disinfected before it reaches your property.



5 Know the Warning Signs of Infectious Bird Diseases.

- Look for sudden bird deaths, respiratory problems, a drop in egg production and swelling around the head, neck and eyes.
- You can find the signs of avian influenza and exotic Newcastle disease at www.aphis.usda.gov/vs.



6 Report Sick Birds.

- Don't wait. It is important to report sick birds if birds are sick or dying.
- Call a local veterinarian, extension agent, your State Veterinarian, or this free USDA hotline:
1-866-536-7593



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