

Spring Cleaning on the Homestead Checklist

In the house:

- Empty out the pantry and clean thoroughly
- Defrost the freezer
- Deep clean the fridge
- Organize the freezer
- Clean the oven
- Deep clean the floors
- Wood floor refinisher or carpet shampoo
- Wash rugs
- Wash the windows
- Wash curtains, or swap out for lighter ones
- Wash or replace shower curtains
- Wash pillows and throws

In the yard:

- Remove debris with leaf blower
- Fill in holes and low spots
- Clean up the poop
- Add more gravel to the driveway
- Plant some grass seed
- Pressure wash the house, porch, and sidewalks
- Clean the gutters
- Plant flowers or get flower baskets
- Clean the outdoor fire pit
- Clean and service the pond pump

In the barn and coop:

- Remove all old bedding
- Pressure wash and disinfect
- Clean all waterers and feeders
- Consider doing a whitewash inside
- Inspect for nails, loose boards, and holes
- Put down fresh bedding
- Check feed storage for holes and damage
- Add shelves and totes to keep clutter contained

In the garden:

- Order your seeds
- Start seeds indoors 6-8 weeks before last frost
- Put up the greenhouse
- Clean and sanitize garden pots
- Order compost and soil, if needed
- Test your soil and purchase amendments
- Start a compost pile (use bedding from barn and coop)
- Put leaf mold, or just aged leaves in the garden
- Clean, repair, and remove rust from garden tools
- Inspect hoses and replace if needed
- Lay down tarps, cardboard, or mulch for new garden area