Chicken Coop Cleaning Checklist

12 Days of Homestead Hacks

Simplify your homesteading tasks with these quick and practical hacks. From gardening tips to kitchen shortcuts, these hacks are designed to save you time, money, and effort.

1. Use eggshells to start seeds: Fill half an eggshell with soil, plant your seeds, and transplant directly into the garden.

2. Freeze herbs in olive oil: Chop fresh herbs, place them in an ice cube tray, and cover with olive oil for ready-to-use cooking cubes.

3. Repurpose old pallets: Create raised garden beds, compost bins, or simple furniture using wooden pallets.

4. DIY pest spray: Mix water, garlic, and a dash of dish soap for an effective and natural pest control solution.

5. Keep chickens busy: Hang a cabbage or treat ball in the coop to prevent boredom and pecking issues.

6. Mulch with grass clippings: Use dried grass clippings as mulch to retain soil moisture and suppress weeds.

7. Make DIY fire starters: Use dryer lint and melted wax to create easy-to-light fire starters for your stove or outdoor fire pit.

8. Use coffee grounds in the garden: Sprinkle used coffee grounds around acid-loving plants like blueberries and hydrangeas.

9. Build a compost tea: Soak compost in water for 24 hours and use the liquid to fertilize your

garden naturally.

10. Create a DIY solar oven: Use a cardboard box lined with aluminum foil to harness the sun for cooking on hot days.

11. Dry clothes without electricity: Build a sturdy clothesline or drying rack to save energy and preserve fabric quality.

12. Store potatoes correctly: Keep potatoes in a cool, dark, and well-ventilated space to prevent sprouting and spoilage.