



AnimalHealthCanada

Keeping Your Birds Healthy



EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES

1. Cleaning Equipment

- Use detergents and water to thoroughly clean equipment such as feeders, waterers, scoops, and nesting boxes before and after they come into contact with your flock to maintain hygiene and prevent disease spread.
- Be aware that HPAI viruses can survive for months or years in hard-to-clean spaces and when protected by biofilms and organic matter.
- Ensure that cleaning efforts target crevices and small areas.

2. Control Vehicle and Equipment Movement

- Keep trucks and vehicles away from the barn and poultry areas entirely.
- If access is necessary, strict cleaning, disinfection, and designated pathways must be in place to reduce risks.
- Establish designated routes for equipment moving in and out of the farm to reduce the spread of germs.

3. Sharing and Borrowing Tools

- Do not share tools, poultry supplies, or lawn and garden equipment with neighbours or other flock owners.
- If sharing becomes necessary, thoroughly clean and disinfect all items before entering or leaving your property.

4. Establish Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures

- Set standards and develop clear procedures for cleaning and disinfecting all equipment and vehicles.
- Regularly review and improve your cleaning procedures to address inefficiencies or changing conditions.
- Provide detailed guidance to everyone handling equipment or vehicles to ensure consistent application of biosecurity measures.

Proper cleaning and disinfection of equipment and vehicles are critical in preventing the spread of diseases, such as Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

This document was produced by the Emergency Management Division of Animal Health Canada to enhance communication to small flock owners on issues of importance to HPAI in coordination with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, industry and provincial governments. For further assistance and biosecurity resources, contact info@animalhealthcanada.ca or visit www.animalhealthcanada.ca