



FALL CHECKLIST FOR THE HOMESTEAD

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Homestead Fall Checklist

- Wood gathered, split and stacked (An essential up north)
- Chimney Cleaned
- Wood Stove Cleaned
- Repair/Maintenance on solar panels, heating systems
- Tools Hung in Proper Locations (So not lost under snow drifts)
- Service snow removal equipment
- Snow shovels found and accessible
- Chain up tractor
- Driveway markers placed to mark edges of road (to help with guidance in snow removal)
- Garden cleaned up (refer to Fall Garden Checklist)
- Garden carts and wheelbarrows stored properly
- Water turned off and hoses drained
- Prepared for an Emergency
 - Water storage
 - Pantry filled (Pantry always filled)
 - Enough wood gathered
 - Candles or battery powered lights available
 - Don't forget toilet paper! 😊
- Tools and resources gathered for winter projects (long winter months can be long!)
- Sow fall cover crops
- Chicken
 - Clean coop
 - Heat lamps if necessary ready for use with extra bulbs bought
 - Heater for water ready for use
- Small animals
 - Shelters cleaned and restocked with straw or wood shavings
 - Heater for water ready for use
 - Hay procured and in barns or covered
 - Pens cleaned
- Large animals
 - Access to shelter or wind break
 - Heater for water ready for use
 - Hay procured and in barns or covered
- Bees
 - Prepare bees for winter (Refer to Prepare Bees for Winter Checklist)
- Inspect and repair leaks in buildings, tighten loose boards
- Mend fences
- Check and repair wind breaks for animals
- Tighten down any tarps covering hay or equipment
- A sled can come in handy to move hay bales, wood, and to clean out barns
- Have walkie talkies in operating condition to check on someone working outside during severely inclement weather
- General Cleanup (you know that eye sore you've been meaning to get to 😊 It will be worth it in the spring when it's cleaned up!)