

Before Bringing Your First Goat Home

Supplies Needed

- **Fencing Options**

- **Pallets**
- **Sheep/Cattle Panels**
- **Woven Wire**
- **Electric Fence**
- **Other Options:** _____

**If you are also bringing home a buck, the fencing you have between the does and bucks should be put together well and secure enough to keep them apart. Consider adding an electric wire at the top to discourage jumping and climbing over.

**Also think long term, will you be having kids in the future? You will need a separate area to wean them, so think ahead and plan for it as you are building fences now.

- **Shelter**

- Your goats will need shelter from the rain, snow, wind and elements. This could be as simple as a shelter made from pallets or a completely enclosed, large barn.

- **Bedding**

- **Straw**
- **Pine shavings**

- **Water**

- **Water trough or buckets**

**If you have multiple pens, plan out how two pens can share one water trough.

- **Feeder**

**For keeping hay off the ground as much as possible. This will help limit worms.

- **Feed**

- **Hay**
- **Grain**
- **Grain Dish**
- **Measuring Cup or Scoop** to scoop out grain and measure it

**Changing a goat's diet quickly can cause them to bloat and have very serious consequences.

- **Mineral, Baking Soda and Salt Dispensers**
 - Loose mineral
 - Baking soda
 - Salt

- **Milking Supplies**
 - **Milking Stand**
 - **Stainless Steel Milking Bucket**
 - **Funnel and strainer** (to strain milk into glass containers for consumption)
 - **Milk Filters**
 - **Glass Jars/Containers for storage**
 - **Mastitis Tests**

- **Supplies**
 - **Hoof trimming supplies**
 - **Gloves** Take my word on this: you won't regret wearing gloves. Goats wiggle, and a quick jerk of their leg will put a nice hole in your finger if you aren't careful. Wear protection on your hands.
 - **Hoof Trimmers** I recommend purchasing trimmers that are specifically for goats.
 - **Hoof Pick with Brush**
 - **Hoof Plane**
 - **Hoof'n Heal** Heals all types of hoof injury

****Goats hooves need to be trimmed on a regular basis. If not, their hooves will grow under and will trap poop and dirt and can cause their hooves to grow in unnatural ways. It's important to keep them trimmed. Not only is it healthier for the goat, it is much, much easier on you to trim regularly! Trim at least quarterly but your goat may need to be trimmed as much as once a month, so keep an eye on those hooves!**
 - **Wormer**
 - **Oral syringe for drenching**
 - **Collars and Leashes**
 - **Brushes**
 - **Clippers**
 - **Rectal Thermometer**