

ROOSTERS

AND...if you have a rooster, be aware of the possible noise effects on your neighbours.

If a rooster likes crowing at night or very early in the morning it can be kept quiet by being kept in a dark place or being de-crowed.

Please don't let your rooster create a nuisance noise problem.



KEEPING POULTRY



Rangitikei
UNSPOILT...

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INTRODUCTION

The Rangitikei District Plan controls poultry keeping because of the potential for generating adverse environmental effects, including noise and odour problems for neighbouring properties. **Poultry can also cause health problems.** Both the Resource Management Act and the Health Act give the Council Authority to control poultry keeping.

NUMBERS ALLOWED

The District Plan restricts the number of poultry that are allowed “as of right” in residential areas to no more than twelve. No roosters that crow may be kept.

In rural areas there is no restriction on the number of poultry, but if the poultry are kept year-round in buildings or within closely fenced outdoor runs where the stocking rate precludes the maintenance of pasture or groundcover, a resource consent is required before the poultry may be kept.

UNREASONABLE NOISE

There are certain noisy activities in our community that the Council cannot reduce or abate immediately. This is generally in relation to industrial or commercial noise where a full noise assessment, complete with measurements, may be required to determine if the noise level is in breach of any District Plan rules.

ISOLATION AND DISTANCES

All buildings housing poultry **must be at least 5m from any boundary**



TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE POULTRY KEEPING

The poultry house should:

- Be rainproof.
- Have concrete or other impervious flooring.
- Be kept clean and dry.



Every six months (spring and autumn) the poultry house should be:

- Cleaned and washed out/scrubbed/hosed.
- Treated with disinfectant and insecticide.

The poultry run should:

- Be drained.
- Be regularly cleaned out (a program should be maintained)



And every six months (spring and autumn) the poultry run should:

- Be raked over.
- Have the litter replaced.

When there is any change of stock – all the above should be carried out, as well as repainting and repairs made to the poultry house as required.

