

CHICK CHECKLIST

GETTING READY FOR YOUR CHICKS

Brooder - AKA Chick House

- **Container/Cage** - this can be anything from a large plastic tote, watering trough or small animal cage.
- **Bedding** - pine shavings are the best, but some people have used straw. Newspaper alone is not a good idea.
- **Heat Lamp** - with 250 watt bulb
- **Heat Clamp** - to hold lamp over chicks
- **Feeder and Waterer** - available at feed store and made so that chicks will not contaminate, make dirty or drown.
- **Sticks or Branches** - these help chicks learn to roost
- **Dust bath** - a small one helps them to learn how to use one and will provide some grit for easier digestion

Food

- **"Starter" food** - choose medicated or not, it has special stuff for babies
- **Fresh Herbs** (organic) - oregano, parsley, lemon balm, peppermint

Extras

- **Lawn Clumps** - Dirt with grass; helps them learn to scratch for bugs, exposure to local bacteria and fun!
- **Mirror** - they love to look at themselves