

Frequently asked questions

Do I need to inform my neighbors if I plan to keep specified animals?

You are encouraged to tell neighbors within 150 feet of your property line.

What feeding practices will help limit pests around my outdoor animal enclosures?

Have no open feeding. Only put out enough food for the animals to eat in a 15-20 minute period. **Excess food can attract rats** or other predators. Contact Multnomah County for more rat prevention tips.

What do I do if I am concerned about the health of my animals?

Contact a veterinarian or other qualified professional.

What do I do if I am concerned about the welfare, safety or imminent danger of an animal?

Contact Multnomah County Animal Services at 503-988-7387 (PETS).

How do I make a complaint about a specified animal in my neighborhood?

Please call Multnomah County Code Enforcement at (503) 988-3464 or email vector.nuisance@multco.us.

Contact information

If you live outside of Portland and want to keep specified animals, contact your local municipality. Local rules and regulations about keeping specified animals may apply.

City of Fairview

Main Office
(503) 665-7929

City of Gresham

Main Office
(503) 618-3000

City of Wood Village

City Hall & Civic Center
(503) 667-6211

City of Troutdale

Main Office
(503) 665-5175

City of Maywood Park

Main Office
(503) 255-9805

Please call **(503) 988-3464**, scan the code, or visit our website multco.us/health/animal-codes for more information.



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Specified Animals in the City of Portland



General information

To keep certain types of animals in the City of Portland, you need to follow City of Portland Code Title 13 Bees and Livestock: portland.gov/code/13.

- Chickens, ducks, pigeons or similar small domestic fowl:** Up to 4 on any lot. Up to 6 on lots 10,000 sq feet or more.
- Geese, turkeys, peacocks, emus or similar large domestic fowl:** Up to 6 on lots 20,000 sq ft or more.
- Rabbits:** Up to 4 on any lot. Up to six on lots 10,000 sq feet or more.
- Three pygmy goats/sheep:** Up to 3 on any lot. Up to five on lots 10,000 sq feet or more.
- Miniature pigs (no larger than 150 pounds):** Up to 2 on any lot.
- Honeybee hives:** Up to 4 on any lot. Up to six on lots 10,000 sq ft or more.
- Large livestock (horses, cows, llamas) OR for lots 20,000 sq ft or more:** Please refer to Title 13 Bees and Livestock: portland.gov/code/13.

Multnomah County enforces the rules around keeping specified animals to make sure communities and animals are safe.

Enclosure requirements

- Have a secure, clean, safe, sturdy enclosure for your animal(s) that will prevent animals from roaming.
- Enclosure should have good airflow, lighting and clean water.
- Enclosure should be sealed properly to prevent rodents.
- Enclosure must be a **minimum of 15 feet away from neighbors.**
- Structures and enclosure must be **at least 3' from property lines and 10' from the front property line.**
- Ground cover is required. Straw, wood chips, or other suitable material needs to be applied to run areas and replaced as often as necessary to prevent odor and the breeding of pests.
- Any structure exceeding 200 square feet in area or exceeding 10 feet in height may require a building permit from the City of Portland.

