

5 STEP HOMESTEADING ACTION PLAN

FOR HOMESTEADERS READY TO CREATE THE LIFE THEY WANT

1 WHY DO YOU WANT TO HOMESTEAD? This might seem like an overly-simple question at first, but it's an important part of the process. I encourage you to take a little time to examine your motivations and to reflect on what you are hoping to gain from this journey. Is it self-sufficiency? Quality of life? Better food? A desire to get back to nature? A old-fashioned childhood for your kids? Take some time to identify whatever might be driving you towards this lifestyle. Identifying these characteristics will help you stay on track as you develop the rest of your homesteading plan.

2 LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Considering homesteading revolves around the “home”, location is a big deal. However, don't think you have to necessarily have to pick up and move in order to return to your roots. I know of many folks with extremely impressive operations in their suburban backyards, or even apartment balconies. Now is the time to get clear on whether you plan to stay put and build your homestead in your current location, or expand your adventure by moving. There's no wrong answer— it depends on each individual situation. If you do plan on moving, be sure to take zoning laws, water rights, climate, land size/space, and weather into consideration.

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3 SET SUPER—CLEAR GOALS. Both short-term and long-term goals are vital to keeping you and your family on track. Establish a set of goals in three increments: 1, 5, and 10 years. Write them in pencil, and expect them to shift and morph a bit over time. They don't necessarily have to involve big things like moving or expensive purchases; they can also be new skills or areas of life you'd like to improve. The key is to **make them challenging, but attainable.** Bonus: it feels darn good when you finally get to cross things off your goal list.

4 ORGANIZE THOSE FINANCES. Homesteading can be as frugal or as expensive as you want it to be. It's not necessary to have the latest gear, but even the most money-conscious homesteader will find themselves needing to purchase livestock, equipment, appliances, etc. Sit down with your current budget and list of goals you have created. Determine which goals will require substantial purchases, and which ones can be pieced together with your current resources. If needed, re-work your budget and start a "homestead savings fund." If all else fails and the budget won't budge, simply stick with the aspects you can afford. It's very possible to have a bountiful backyard garden for nothing more than the cost of a few packets of seed and a good shovel.

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5 BE A SKILL COLLECTOR. It's amazing to me how many people in our modern society don't know how to do anything. Only a few short generations ago, the average person was quite capable without even really trying to be. Interestingly, the modern homesteader has a genuine need for many "old-time" skills, not necessarily for nostalgia's sake, but rather for everyday living. One of the most exhilarating parts of homesteading is learning new trades, crafts, and skills you previously never would have imagined trying. Don't be afraid to be a beginner for a while and tackle something new. You'll be whipping up cheese, and cutting bars of soap before you know it.

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