

Steps to Moving Your Chickens Outside - Fast Method

Refer to this [article](#) for more details on Moving Your Chickens Outside.

1. Keep indoors in a brooder for at least 4 weeks with a [heat lamp](#) or [heat warmer](#).
2. Have a secure coop set up for your chickens. Their coop should be elevated 6-12 inches above the ground. Make sure their run is secure from predators and the chicks will also be unable to escape.
3. Have a good [water and food](#) set up that your chicks can easily access. I recommend starting your chicks on [food specially formulated](#) for them
4. For the fast method, you can move your chicks to their coop at 4-12 weeks old. When they have most or all of their feathers in. Different breeds of chickens will vary in how quickly their feathers come in
5. If your chickens seem overly stressed over the situation (lots of chirping and snuggling together), you may choose to bring them back in at night with their heat lamp, if needed). The best temperature to transition your chickens is 55 degrees or warmer at night.
6. We usually only have chickens in Spring and Summer to make transitioning easier for everyone.
7. Make sure your chicks are [locked in their coop](#) at night. Some may go in on their own, but others may not. They will all eventually learn to go in their coop at night on their own.



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