

# Winter Homestead Checklist



## Weekly To-Dos

- Check winter food supplies- What foods do you have a lot of? Use those foods to plan your menu for the week.
- Take out meat you'll need for the week from the freezer on Monday morning
- Feed sourdough starter
- Bake weekly breads and snacks
- Wash and fold laundry
- Clean bathrooms
- Vacuum the carpets
- Mop the floors
- Wash the windows

## Around the Home

- Clean out closets- throw away anything that has holes or is very worn and donate any unused items
- Go through children's clothes. Put too small sizes in storage.
- Declutter kitchen drawers and cabinets
- Deep clean heavily used spaces

## Freezer

- Check Meat inventory- What meats are running low? Make plans to either grow the same or more next year, or make arrangements to purchase more from farmers.
- Check frozen vegetables and fruit inventory. Decide whether or not it is needed to reduce crop, grow or forage more/less, or to purchase more/less next year.

## Prepping for Spring

- Dream of the spring garden- Make a dream list of what you'd like to grow this year. Don't skip this- dreaming is one of the most important parts of planning for spring and keeping the inspiration alive!
- Restock seed starting materials
- Use your inventories taken from the freezer and seeds. to place seed orders
- Restock/Prep Maple syrup supplies

## Pantry

- Look at canned vegetables and fruit and evaluate whether or not you'll need to grow more or reduce your crop for next year.
- Look at root vegetable crops and decide if you'll need to grow more or reduce your crop for next year.
- Evaluate space- is your pantry space working?

## For the Farm

- Contact farmers to reserve feeder pigs, calves, or chickens
- Evaluate your property and make plans for any pasture or animal housing changes
- Make plans to either sell or purchase more animals based on meat inventories
- Meet up with other homesteaders to learn what has been working well for them and to share what's been working for you.