

## **50 Tips to Start Your Own Homestead**

1	Pare down the number of chemicals in you house.
2	Create a uniform for yourself.
3	Learn to make you own house hold items.
4	Get to know your home and its surrounding areas.
5	Make learning new things part of your life!
6	Find you local farmer's markets.
7	Make personal improvement a primary priority.
8	Grow something you like.
9	Clear the clutter out of your life.
10	Explore all the grocery stores in your area. Know them well.
12	Start recycling for real.
13	Know your local mega mart.
14	Get a freezer.
15	Read food labels like your reading the bible.
16	Make a survival purse.
17	Have enough food, water, and supplies on hand for at least a week without public services.
18	Know who your local and federal politicians are and their stances on ideas close to you.
19	Take a gun and hunter safety course.
20	Unplug any thing not in use.
21	Charge you cell phone once a day everyday.
22	Create emergency plans for the most common emergency in your area.
23	Practice your emergency plans with your entire family (including the pets).
24	Find your bad habits.
25	Get to know your neighbors.
26	Compost.
27	Find like minded people in your area. Network.
28	Make a calendar of preventive maintence for you mind, body, home, pets, live stock, vehicle, and anything else that needs regular upkeep.
29	Do all upkeep do matter what gets in the way.
30	Involve the whole family in homesteading.
31	Get out of debt.
32	Find out what is provided in your local area and take advantage of it.
33	Give back.
34	Use sustainable products when ever possible.
35	Remember freedom is the goal but the journey is the cool part.
36	Maintain an internet connection.
37	Have the right pets.
38	Know the laws of the land.
39	Be polite and of good humor your life-style is different and will attract attentions both good and bad.
40	If you have medical issues try to mitigate them. Don't ignore them.
41	Explore non-western healing modalities.

42	Have a fuel efficient vehicle that works for you.
43	Find ways to reduce your carbon foot print and implement them.
44	Find one vice you can live without.
45	Cook your own meals.
46	Look into share plans.
47	Use local message boards (Craig's list, free-cycle, back page, etc.) to find used goods instead of buying new.
48	Use a close line.
48	Find your local health food store and get to know the people.
50	Do a gratitude journal everyday.