

How to Keep the Grass Green and Your Chickens Happy with Permaculture



Chickens are a great addition to any homestead, but they can also be hard on your lawn. Their scratching and pecking can quickly turn a lush green

lawn into a bare patch of dirt. But there is a way to keep your chickens happy and your grass green: permaculture.



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Permaculture is a design system that mimics the patterns and relationships found in nature. When applied to chicken keeping, permaculture can help you create a sustainable and productive chicken coop that is good for your chickens and your lawn.

Here are some permaculture principles that you can use to keep your grass green and your chickens happy:

- **Diversity:** Plant a variety of plants in your chicken coop, including grasses, legumes, and herbs. This will provide your chickens with a variety of food and shelter, and it will also help to keep the soil healthy.
- **Integration:** Integrate your chickens into your overall homestead design. This means placing your coop in a location that is convenient

for you and your chickens, and it also means using the chicken manure to fertilize your garden.

- **Closed loops:** Create a closed loop system in your chicken coop. This means recycling the chicken manure back into the coop to fertilize the plants, and it also means using the plants to provide food and shelter for the chickens.

Here are some specific tips for keeping your grass green and your chickens happy with permaculture:

- **Plant a grass mix that is tolerant of chicken scratching.** There are a number of grass mixes available that are specifically designed for chicken coops. These mixes typically include a variety of grasses that are tough and can withstand the wear and tear of chickens.
- **Provide your chickens with plenty of shade.** Chickens need a place to get out of the sun and heat, so make sure to provide them with a shady spot in their coop. You can plant trees or shrubs around the coop, or you can install a shade cloth.
- **Rotate your chickens' grazing area.** If you have a large enough yard, you can rotate your chickens' grazing area to give the grass a chance to recover. This will help to keep the grass healthy and prevent it from becoming bare.
- **Use chicken manure to fertilize your lawn.** Chicken manure is a great source of nutrients for your lawn. You can spread it on your lawn in the spring or fall, and it will help to green up your grass and make it more resistant to pests and diseases.

By following these tips, you can create a sustainable and productive chicken coop that is good for your chickens and your lawn. Permaculture is a great way to keep your chickens happy and healthy while also maintaining a beautiful and lush lawn.

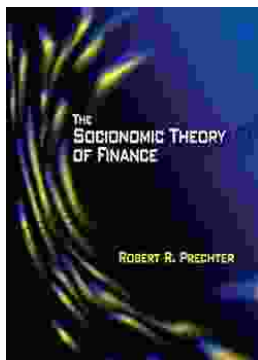


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