READY FOR THE FREEZE: WINTER PREP FOR YOUR HOMESTEAD

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Cold weather can sneak up quickly in Southeast Tennessee, and November is a great time to make sure your homestead is ready before the first hard freeze arrives.



Protect Your Water
Disconnect and drain garden hoses, protect outdoor faucets, and check exposed pipes that could freeze. If you have livestock or chickens, now is also the time to make a plan for keeping their water available when temperatures drop below freezing.

Get Animal Areas Ready
Check coops, barns, and shelters for needed repairs. Stock up on bedding and make sure animals have a dry place protected from cold wind while still allowing adequate ventilation. It's also a good time to check your supply of feed, hay, and other winter essentials.

Put Away the Garden & Tools
Clean and store garden tools, empty containers that could collect water and freeze, and protect equipment that won't be used again until spring. A few minutes of cleanup now can prevent rust, cracks, and unpleasant surprises later.

Prepare for Winter Weather
Stock firewood if you use wood heat and keep flashlights, batteries, and other basic emergency supplies handy. Don't forget to check generators and other equipment before you actually need them.

A little preparation now can save a lot of trouble on a freezing winter morning. Stop by AgCentral for hoses and plumbing supplies, animal bedding, feed, tools, winter supplies, and more to help get your homestead ready for colder weather.

Prepare now, then enjoy the cozy side of homesteading all winter long!