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Garvee 6 Hole Metal Chicken Laying Box

Garvee 6-Hole Metal Chicken Nesting Box Instruction Manual

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the assembly, operation, and maintenance of your Garvee 6-Hole Metal Chicken Nesting Box. Designed for durability and ease of use, this nesting box offers a secure and comfortable environment for your hens, promoting consistent egg laying and simplifying egg collection.



Image: The Garvee 6-Hole Metal Chicken Nesting Box installed in a chicken coop, with hens utilizing the nesting areas and a person collecting eggs from the collection trays.

Key Features:

- **Durable Galvanized Steel Construction:** Built to withstand outdoor elements and provide long-lasting use.
- **Effortless Egg Collection System:** Eggs gently roll into a protected collection tray, keeping them clean and safe.
- **Easy to Clean:** Removable trays simplify maintenance and promote a hygienic environment.
- **Comfortable Nesting Spaces:** Provides a secure and private area for hens to lay eggs, reducing stress.
- **Ventilation Openings:** Ensures proper airflow for hen comfort and odor reduction.

Setup and Installation

Before beginning assembly, ensure all components from the hardware pack are present. Follow the instructions step-by-step for a secure installation.

Assembly Steps:

1. Unpack all components and verify against the packing list.
2. Assemble the main frame of the nesting box using the provided hardware. Ensure all screws are tightened securely.
3. Attach the roof and side panels to the frame.
4. Install the internal dividers to create the individual nesting compartments.
5. Slide the removable plastic trays into their designated slots at the bottom of each compartment.

Mounting Options:

The Garvee Chicken Nesting Box offers versatile installation options:

- **Wall-Mounted:** Utilize the keyhole-shaped hanging holes to securely mount the boxes to a sturdy wall in your coop. The ideal height for mounting is 18–20 inches from the ground to encourage hens to use the boxes and prevent them from roosting on top.
- **Floor Placement:** The nesting box can also be placed directly on a stable, level surface within the coop.



Image: Illustration demonstrating the two primary installation methods: placing the nesting box on the floor or securely mounting it

to a wall.

Important Considerations:

- Select an appropriate location for the nesting boxes, avoiding noisy and high-traffic areas to reduce stress on the chickens.
- Ensure the boxes are stable and secure, regardless of the installation method.
- Confirm that the number and size of nesting boxes are suitable for your flock. Typically, each hen should have her own space to minimize competition.

Operation

The Garvee nesting box is designed for efficient egg collection and hen comfort.

Encouraging Use:

- Introduce the nesting boxes to your flock by placing a few dummy eggs or golf balls in the trays to signal their purpose.
- Maintain a clean and quiet environment around the boxes to encourage hens to use them.

Egg Collection:

The nesting boxes feature a slight incline that allows freshly laid eggs to gently roll down into an accessible collection tray. This design protects eggs from damage and keeps them clean.

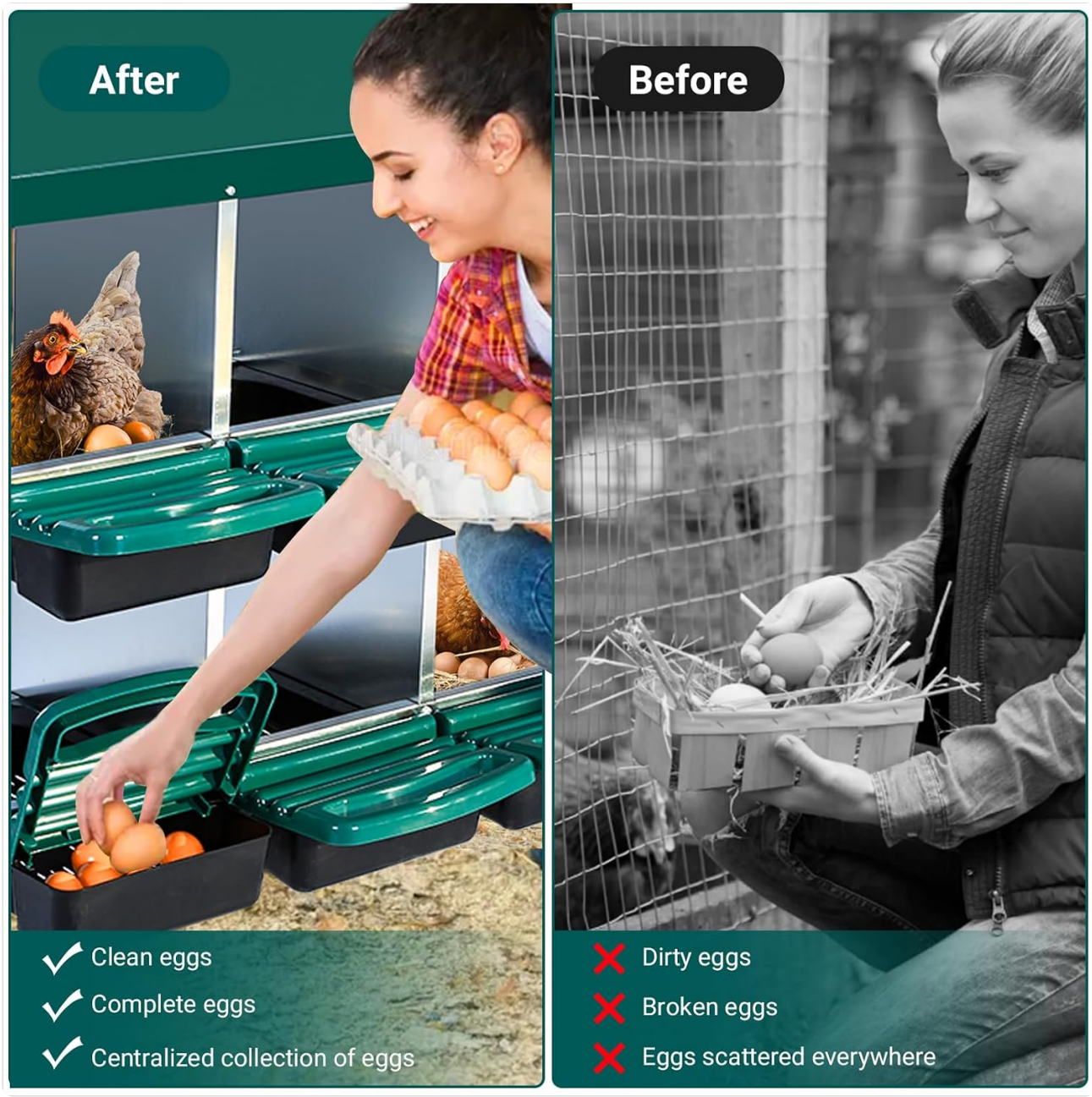

Image: A visual comparison highlighting the benefits of the nesting box's egg collection system, showing clean and intact eggs collected centrally, contrasting with dirty or broken eggs from traditional methods.

To collect eggs, simply lift the cover of the collection tray and retrieve the eggs. This system minimizes disturbance to the hens and streamlines daily chores.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Regular cleaning is essential for maintaining a healthy environment for your hens and ensuring the longevity of the nesting box.

Cleaning the Trays:

1. Lift the steel crosspiece upward manually to a height above the non-slip clips.
2. Pull out the plastic tray from its slot.
3. Rinse the tray thoroughly with water, such as a garden hose. The trays have small holes to prevent water accumulation and facilitate drying.
4. Ensure the tray is dry before reinserting it into the nesting box.



Image: Step-by-step guide on how to remove and clean the plastic egg collection trays, showing the lifting mechanism and the rinsing process.

General Cleaning:

- Wipe down the galvanized steel surfaces with a damp cloth as needed.
- Periodically check the ventilation holes to ensure they are clear of debris.
- Inspect the nesting box for any signs of wear or damage and address them promptly.

Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Garvee Chicken Nesting Box.

Assembly Difficulties:

- **Parts not fitting correctly:** Double-check the instruction manual to ensure you are using the correct parts for each step. Some components may appear similar but have subtle differences.
- **Bent edges or miscut metal:** While quality control is maintained, minor imperfections can occur during

manufacturing or shipping. Gently straighten any bent edges if possible. If parts are significantly miscut or damaged, contact Garvee customer support for assistance. Do not force parts that do not align, as this can cause further damage.

- **Missing hardware:** Verify all hardware against the packing list. If any components are missing, contact Garvee customer support for replacements.

Hens Not Using Nesting Boxes:

- **Location:** Ensure the nesting boxes are in a quiet, dimly lit, and private area of the coop, away from high traffic or roosting areas.
- **Height:** If wall-mounted, confirm the boxes are at an appropriate height (18-20 inches from the ground). If too high or too low, hens may be reluctant to use them.
- **Cleanliness:** Hens prefer clean nesting areas. Ensure the trays are regularly cleaned.
- **Introduction:** Place a few ceramic or wooden eggs in the trays to encourage hens to lay there.
- **Competition:** Ensure there are enough nesting spaces for your flock (typically one box for every 3-5 hens, though individual space is preferred).

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Garvee
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	31.89" x 20.47" x 31.1" (81cm x 52cm x 79cm)
Material	Galvanized Steel
Item Weight	31.81 Pounds
Number of Levels	2
Color	Green
Included Components	Nesting Box, Hardware Pack
Breed Recommendation	Chicken

Product Size



Image: Detailed diagram illustrating the overall dimensions of the nesting box and the individual tray size.

Warranty and Support

For any questions regarding your Garvee Chicken Nesting Box, including assembly, missing parts, or operational concerns, please contact Garvee customer support. Refer to your purchase documentation for specific warranty details and contact information.

You can often find support contact details on the product packaging or the retailer's website where the product was purchased.

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