



## Rationale for Legalizing Chickens in Toronto

1. *Local, natural, delicious food.*
2. *Food security.*
3. *Reduced municipal waste* - chickens eat table scraps destined for the green bin. No need for disposal of one way egg cartons.
4. *Free fertilizer* - high in nitrogen, eliminating the need for petrochemical fertilizers along with the ecological costs involved in its processing, packaging and shipping.
5. *Reduced ecological footprint* on many levels. Ecological costs associated with commercial farming, packaging, transportation, manure disposal.
6. *Pest control* - chickens eat backyard bugs and mice.
7. *Educational* - teaches where food comes from and teaches responsible pet ownership values.
8. *Great pets* - people-friendly, entertaining and gentle.