

WHITE FAMILY HOMESTEAD

HOMESTEADING ON A BUDGET

SEARCH FB/CRAIGSLIST FOR MATERIALS

Search for free items, materials that can be used as-is or can be repurposed. We found a free chicken coop and gutted it to the frame added new plywood, some cute details and new paint and it turned out both pretty and functional.



Before



After

GO TO YARD/ESTATE SALES

These are great places to find tools and homestead supplies for fraction of new ones. My husband loves picking up old coffee tins full of hardware, he feels like he's honoring the old man who left them behind.



REUSE MATERIALS LEFT ON YOUR PROPERTY

Take out t-posts and old fencing and reuse it where it's needed. Don't toss materials that have been left behind by the old owners, store them for later use if you can.



VISIT YOUR LOCAL HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE

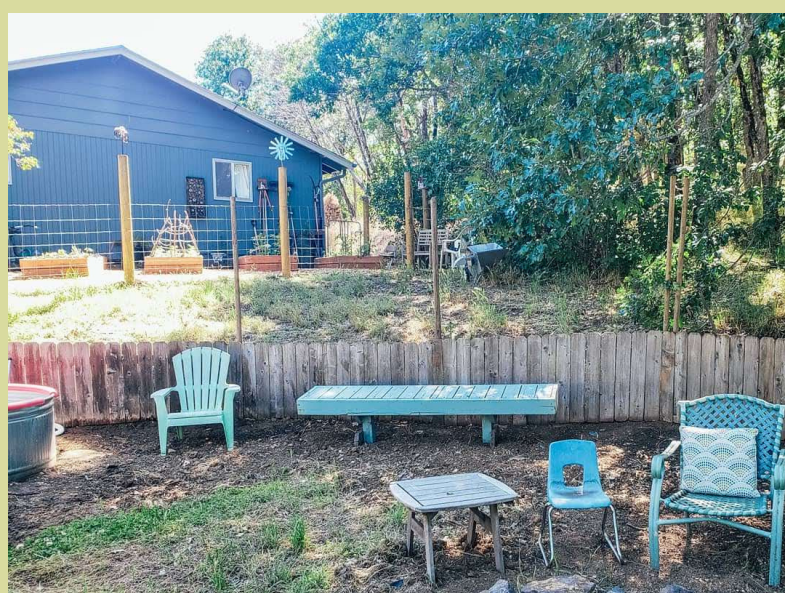
This is a great place to get appliances, windows, lighting and so many other items you may need for your home or homestead. They also have tools, paint and furniture. A great place to visit anytime of year, when yard sales might not be an option.



VOLUNTEER TO TAKE OLD MATERIALS FROM FRIENDS/ACQUAINTANCES

Take used lumber, fencing and any other useful materials from friends or acquaintances that are downsizing or doing home improvements. We've saved so much money on fencing and other projects reusing materials others were going to take to the dump.

This fencing we got from my sister's friend who was putting in a new one and knew we like to repurpose things.



Bonus Tip

SLOW & STEADY

There's no rush in getting all the projects or renovations done at once so take your time and save your pennies. Plus getting to know how you'll use your homestead and what works best for you takes time and then you can make the right changes or improvements for you and your family.



This was an unused space for years on our property. It was tall weeds all year long and we thought it was unusable space.



Then 8 years later it finally dawned on us that it was the perfect spot for our garden. We moved the garden beds and used wire fencing we already had on hand to enclose it. Now the garden is right next to the house which means I can spend more time in it and it gets the right amount of sun and shade. Ta-da the perfect garden spot.



HAPPY HOMESTEADING