

Start Your Homestead Today — Without Spending a Single Penny!

Homesteading doesn't have to be expensive or overwhelming. You can start right where you are, with what you already have. Here are 10 simple, practical, and completely free ways to begin today.



Homesteading with BeckyJ – Practical skills for a simple, self-sufficient life.

10 Free Ways to Start Homesteading Today

Action	How to Get Started
 Regrow Kitchen Scraps	Save celery bottoms, green onion roots, or lettuce stumps and place them in water until they sprout new growth.
 Save Seeds From Groceries	Scoop out seeds from tomatoes, peppers, or squash. Rinse, dry, and label them for planting.
 DIY Containers From Trash	Repurpose milk jugs, tin cans, or old buckets into planters — just add drainage holes.
 Start a Compost Pile	Layer kitchen scraps, paper, and yard waste. Turn it occasionally — nature does the rest.
 Barter or Trade Locally	Offer eggs, handmade goods, or skills in exchange for seeds, plants, or supplies.
 Propagate Plants Your Own	Take clippings from herbs or divide perennials to grow more without buying new ones.
 Learn Scratch Skills	Practice baking bread, hanging laundry, or making broth — start with one small habit.
 Collect Rainwater	Place buckets under your roofline during rain to water plants later (check local rules).
 Preserve Food Without Gear	Air-dry herbs, freeze small batches, or pickle veggies in jars you already own.
 Keep a Homestead Notebook	Track experiments, planting dates, and lessons learned — your own “homestead log.”