

# Homestead Bloggers Network Group Guidelines

1. You must have a homesteaders heart, even if not completely off-grid or independent. This means incorporating homesteading principles like sustainable food production, food preservation, raising animals, home cooking, old-fashioned crafts and DIYs, frugal and simple living, etc into both your life and blog.

2. About fifty percent of your blog posts should be about some aspect of homesteading. While natural living, natural remedies, home cooking, homeschooling, etc are all common among homesteaders, we are looking specifically for a focus on gardening, food preservation, self-sufficiency, or animal raising. You don't have to have all of these, but you must be more than a natural living/whole cooking blog to qualify.

3. You agree to adhere by ethical and respectful behavior. Trust within the group is key – this means respecting confidentiality of projects in progress, going directly to someone you might have a conflict with, and not sharing Blogger's Academy content, or member group files and FB documents outside of the group without permission. For example, forwarding the member's only newsletter to non-members would be considered breaking the NDA. So would sharing documents and procedures used in the group. Undermining member bloggers and the HBN network at large is a no-no - we are here to support and uplift each other.

4. Homestead Bloggers Network Members will use proper disclosure on all sponsored posts, paid giveaways, reviews and affiliate links, etc.

5. You do not have to participate in the forums, promotions and product reviews, however supporting your fellow network members is how we will all grow together. Whenever possible support the products other members are developing and promotions they have going on.

6. Friend and follow other member blogs on whichever of their appropriate social media networks that you prefer and use (Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, etc). Comment, RT, Shares, etc are not required but appreciated and are a sign of active participation in the group.

7. Submit your relevant blog posts to the network website to help keep it fresh looking as well as demonstrating the varied talents of our members.

8. Email the group with review opportunities, a giveaway you're hosting on your blog, etc with a link to the post and information so we can promote your giveaway as we see fit.

If you agree to abide by these simple, but important terms, please sign your name in agreement and send a copy to Angela England at either [ang.english@yahoo.com](mailto:ang.english@yahoo.com) or 4019 W. Hwy 70 #252; Durant, OK 74701

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