

GUIDELINES FOR DISINFECTION

Vehicle disinfection

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'Horses' for the purposes of this document refers to horses, donkeys or any other member of the Equidae family.

Why disinfect vehicles?

Equine influenza is a highly contagious viral disease which can be easily spread between premises by contaminated vehicles, equipment and people.

Movement of horse products such as urine, faeces, saliva, blood and especially snot/mucus stuck to vehicles may spread equine influenza.

Minimising contamination of vehicles

1. Try to park your vehicle outside the property. Walk in, or get picked up at the gate.
2. If you must drive in, try to park away from stables, horse paddocks or thoroughfares for horses.

Disinfection: legal requirements and other recommendations

Legal requirements for disinfection (under Orders from the *Exotic Diseases of Animals Act 1991*) apply to anyone (or any object or vehicle they use) who has contact with horses or horse products. Penalties apply to people who don't abide by these requirements – a fine of up to \$22,000 or up to six months imprisonment.

When to disinfect?

You **MUST** disinfect your vehicle in the following circumstances. Failure to disinfect may result in fines or imprisonment.

- **Purple Zone** – Before you leave a Purple Zone (Special Restricted Area), if your vehicle has come into contact with horses or horse products. You must obtain a Decontamination Certificate from a registered Decontamination Point before moving horse transport vehicles out of the Purple Zone.

Registered decontamination points

Berkshire Park: Maxi Shine Car Wash, 770 Richmond Road . (Floats only, no trucks. Note that 24 hours' notice is required.)

Penrith: Riley's Truckwash, 1 Coombes Drive (FCP contact 4588 2150 or 0407 290 773 between 8am and 6pm. Note that 24 hours' notice is required)

Quirindi: Old Quirindi Saleyards, Prior Street (FCP contact 6763 1402 between 9am and 5pm. Bookings are required.)

Rutherford: Maitland Saleyards, 52 Kyle Street (FCP contact 0437 040 562 between 8am and 6pm. Note that 24 hours' notice is required)

Raymond Terrace: Raymond Terrace Car Buffs, Cnr William Bailey Street and Port Stephens Street (FCP contact 0437 040 562 between 8am and 6pm. Note that 24 hours' notice is required)

Scone: Scone Saleyards, end of Muffett Street (FCP contact 0408 288 394 between 8am and 6pm.)

Smeaton Grange/ Narellan: Tri City Trucks, 10 Dunn Street Smeaton Grange (near Narellan, off Anderson Road, via Camden Valley Way) (FCP contact 4640 6585 between 8am and 6pm. Note that 24 hours' notice is required)

Tamworth: Freight Management Pty Ltd, 19 Cook Street (entry off Hume Street) (FCP contact 6763 1402 between 8am and 6pm. Note that 24 hours' notice is required)

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1800 675 888

WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/equine-influenza



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- **Red and Amber Zones** – Before entering premises in a Red or Amber Zone (Restricted Area), and before coming into contact with horses.
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- **any zone** – Before leaving any property in any zone which is under a **quarantine order**.

It is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED** that you disinfect your vehicle:

- **White Zone and Green Zone** – Before your vehicle comes into contact with horses in the White Zone or Green Zone (Protected Area).

Disinfecting vehicles

For horse vehicles leaving the Purple Zone, a decontamination certificate from a registered decontamination station is required.

For vehicles in the other zones, this is the decontamination procedure for any vehicle that a horse may have come into contact with, either on-farm or in being transported.

1. Remove all organic material that may harbour the virus and interfere with the disinfection process:
 - Sweep out straw and manure.
 - Hose out the inside of the horse transport and the outside of the vehicle, if possible using a pressure hose. Ensure that all walls, windows, ceiling and floor are cleaned.
2. Clean vehicles that have come into contact with horses or horse products:
 - Wash the inside of the horse transport and the outside of the vehicle using water and soap or detergent.
 - Pay special attention to any surface that the horse can touch with its nose.
 - Scrub off any caked-on material with soapy water. Be sure to remove all traces of tissue, blood, saliva and mucus and horse hair.
3. Wipe down any mildly contaminated surfaces within the cab with alcohol-based cloths such as baby wipes.
4. Hose off material from tyre treads and disinfect tyres where the vehicle has driven through yards

or paddocks contaminated with horse waste products.

5. Dispose of waste material and used cleaning fluids on-site.

Whoever decontaminated the vehicle must then undertake a personal disinfection before travelling in the clean vehicle.

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