

Come Clean Go Clean: a step by step guide to vehicle wash down

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Cleanliness of vehicles and machinery is vital in reducing the risk of introducing unwanted pests and diseases to your property.

Do not allow dirty vehicles and machinery to enter or leave your farm. Come clean, go clean!

Follow this simple step by step guide and help protect your farm against unwanted pests, weeds and diseases.

Step 1 - Wash down



Park your vehicle on a clean wash down pad making sure the surface is cement or gravel.

Apply high pressure water to all surfaces of the vehicle to remove trash and mud.

Make sure you wash under wheel arches, in tyre treads, side steps, ute trays and other areas where trash and mud can remain trapped.

Be sure to assess the risks associated with working on wet and slippery surfaces appropriate PPE if working with high pressure water.

Step 2 - Decontamination

Apply decontaminant (e.g. 10% water dilution of Castrol Farmcleanse or equivalent) liberally to all vehicle surfaces making sure you hit all areas that were covered with dirt, mud or trash.



Applying decontaminant to the underside of a wheel arch

Apply decontaminant to mats, tools and footwear, or if available use a foot bath to decontaminate your boots.



Floor mats and tools can carry mud and crop debris

Make sure you clean vehicle foot pedals and other surfaces that have come into contact with dirty footwear.

As a general rule, leave the decontaminant to work for 10 minutes unless directed otherwise by the label.



A foot bath is an easy way to make sure your shoes are free of pests and pathogens.

Make sure you read the MSDS and follow the label of any decontaminant product used

Step 3 - Final Rinse

Rinse decontaminant from all surfaces being sure to get into crevices where some residual mud or trash might be trapped.

Drive off the wash pad to a dry surface trying to avoid picking up mud and debris on wet tyres.

Don't leave the wash down pad in a mess! Clean all mud off the pad with high pressure water so it is clean for the next person.



Wash excess mud from the wash down pad

Now you can move on to the next farm with confidence you have minimised the risk of carrying pests, weeds and diseases.

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Practicing these simple steps at the farm gate level significantly reduces the risk of spreading pests, weeds and diseases.

Diseases like rice blast and Fusarium wilt, pests like potato cyst nematode, and weeds like parthenium weed can cause serious damage to Australian agriculture.

If you care about your industry and are keen to protect your livelihood, then help prevent the spread of unwanted pests, weeds and diseases: ***come clean, go clean!***

For more information on farm biosecurity visit www.farmbiosecurity.com.au



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