

Biosecurity Procedure

Biosecurity Kit

The following basic biosecurity kit is provided:

Hoof pick brush
Virkon disinfectant powder
Spray bottle
Gloves

You may wish to supplement this kit with items such as a stiff bristle brush and a trug or bucket for mixing larger quantities of disinfectant, as well as additional supplies of Virkon and / or Propeller disinfectant.

Disinfection Procedure

This disinfection procedure is suitable for boots, waterproof clothing, tools and other equipment. Always arrive on site with CLEAN boots and equipment. Follow this procedure before you leave.

1. Clean boots and other equipment thoroughly. Start by scraping off any visible mud and plant material with a stiff brush / hoof pick. Rinse thoroughly – you may need to take water with you if no water supply exists. Pond or river water can be used.
2. Once visibly clean, Virkon disinfectant can be used. Note that Virkon is not suitable if there is a risk of Phytophthora. In these cases Propeller disinfectant must be used instead.
3. Wear gloves to mix the Virkon as it is an irritant. Use one 10ml measure (scoop provided) to 1L of water. Can be mixed in a spray bottle to spray onto boots / equipment or a larger quantity can be mixed in a trug. Once mixed Virkon can be used until the pink colour disappears (usually a few weeks).
4. Dispose of used water and disinfectant away from any sensitive features, ideally on hardstanding and well away from water bodies.
5. Allow equipment to dry thoroughly before using again.

Preventative Measures

Where possible avoid working within areas with known invasive non-native species. Of course this may not always be possible – especially if you are carrying out work on site to remove invasive non-native species.

Where possible avoid taking vehicles onto sites, especially into areas with known invasive non-native species or disease outbreaks. If you can stick to established tracks and areas of hardstanding then this greatly reduces the risk of vehicles transferring invasive non-native species and diseases around and between sites.

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- ▶ Follow this procedure before you leave site.
- ▶ Avoid areas with known invasive non-native species and diseases where possible.

