

## Inspection checklist:

Inside

Check foot wells and mats to make sure no seeds have fallen off your shoes.

Boot

Carpet, spare tyre area, other recessed areas, tool boxes and cartons.

Engine bay area

Radiator, grille, gearbox and under windscreen wipers.

Around and underneath

Wheel arches, wheel trims, flares, step treads, bumpers, mud flaps, tyre rims, axles and diffs, bonnet vents, towballs and spare tyres.

Utes and trucks

Tray and channels of tail gates, side guards, under chassis rails, floor welds and bolt holes.

Trailers

Wheels, guards, trays, channels of the draw bar under the body and the tops of slashers.

ATVs or quad bikes

Wheels, belly plate and suspension and anywhere mud or weed seeds might be caught.



The Weed Management Branch can help with information on all aspects of weed management including spread prevention.

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# Preventing weed spread

is everybody's business



# Keep your vehicles and equipment clean



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#### THE ISSUE

The spread of weeds can cause significant impact to the environment, agriculture and recreational areas.

It is an offence to move vehicles, machinery and other equipment contaminated by a declared weed.

Plant fragments, seeds, soil or mud containing seeds of a declared weed are all forms of contamination.

## **VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT MOST** LIKELY TO SPREAD WEEDS:

- cars, motorbikes, ATVs and quad bikes
- tractors and implements (e.g. slashers)
- earthmoving machinery (e.g. bulldozers)
- harvesting equipment
- trucks
- boats
- backpacks, clothing and footwear.

The easiest way to prevent weeds spreading is to thoroughly clean your vehicles, machinery and equipment prior to leaving a site. Have dedicated wash down areas that can be monitored for weed germination.

Weed-contaminated soil and plant material can easily lodge in many different places (see inspection checklist).



#### **EFFECTIVE CLEANING OPTIONS**

#### Brush down

Use a stiff brush or broom to remove dry soil, mud and loose seeds. This is also good for cleaning inside cabins and under mats.

#### Air pressure

Air blast large quantities of seeds and hard to reach areas such as cavities and joints. Best used prior to washing with water.

#### Vacuum

Vacuum inside the cab to remove contaminants. Small, portable vacuums offer an easy and guick solution at any location. Empty contents on-site in a bin.

#### Wash the vehicle down

Use a hose or pressure cleaner. You can also use a spray tank and pump or commercial car wash. Move the vehicle forward to make sure you clean the whole tyre. Detergents may help remove grease, dirt and mud, which may contain weed seeds.

#### Designate a weed wash down area

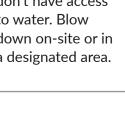
Use the same wash down area for cleaning and monitor it regularly for weed growth.

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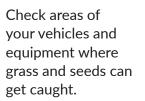
- Clean footwear and remove weed seeds from socks and clothing.
- For boats, check the decks and sides, propellers, anchor wells, cooling system inlet, bilges, bait wells and trailers.

# **HOW TO CLEAN YOUR VEHICLE**

Use a blower or air compressor if you don't have access to water. Blow down on-site or in a designated area.



Clean the undercarriage and remove any mud clumps.



No matter how big or small vour vehicles are, take time to clean them properly.





