

Biosecurity Measures for Contractors on Broads Authority Sites

- You are expected to adhere, as far as is practicable, to the Broads Authority's Environmental Standard Operating Procedure for biosecurity at all times whilst on site: [Environmental Standard Operating Procedure - Biosecurity \(broads-authority.gov.uk\)](https://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/biosecurity)
- All contractors need to follow [Check, Clean, Dry](#) protocols.

Before arrival

- Equipment and kit (e.g. trailers, mowers, brushcutters etc) being brought onto sites within the Broads must be thoroughly checked and cleaned directly before arriving on site. Contractors should make sure that all visible contamination (e.g. mud or soil from other sites, or obvious pieces of plant material) has been cleaned from kit and equipment before they reach the work site.
- Vessels being brought in, that have been on waterways outside of the Broads, must be thoroughly cleaned and dried before they are used on watercourses in the Broads National Park.
- **Avian Influenza: if in proximity to sites known to be important areas for wildfowl, equipment and footwear should be cleaned and disinfected using a DEFRA approved disinfectant (e.: Virkon) to prevent the spread of Avian Influenza.**

On site

- Where possible, vehicles must be left on areas of hardstanding.
- It should be ensured that footwear/kit is clear of visible contamination before going onto the site. If necessary, footwear should be changed at the vehicles before entering the work area.
- Be aware of any possible invasive species whilst on site and if concerned please take a photograph and grid reference or What3Words location and pass to Abigail Leach (abigail.leach@broads-authority.gov.uk). Invasive species ID sheets are available on request from the ecology team.

On completion of task

- Change and clean footwear before leaving site. If it is not possible to clean footwear and equipment on site these should be covered with a plastic bag and removed from site to be cleaned.
- Footwear, equipment and the outside of vehicles should be checked and cleaned of visible contaminants before leaving the site. Ideally a boot pick or scraper should be used to remove stones and dirt from boot treads and then footwear should be cleaned using a stiff bristled brush. Cleaning of footwear and equipment should be

undertaken using clean tap or bottled water. If necessary, this needs to be brought in from off site and carried in the vehicles. Local water sources (rivers, broads) should never be used for biosecurity cleans.

- Cleaning water should be tipped out onto hardstanding e.g: a road surface. It should NEVER be tipped into or near a watercourse of any type.
- **Avian Influenza: if you have been in proximity to any large bird populations or have come across dead birds whilst on site you MUST clean and disinfect your kit and equipment at your earliest convenience. You must not travel to other sites or areas you know to be important for bird populations, or that are used for commercial bird raising, until you have appropriately cleaned and disinfected your equipment.**



Example biosecurity kit with stiff bristled brushes, water containers and ID materials.