

# TRANSPORTING HIGH-RISK ITEMS TO HAURAKI GULF ISLANDS

Every time we travel or transport items, there is a risk that invasive weeds or pests are onboard as unseen hitchhikers.

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## STEP 1 BEFORE YOU TRAVEL

You must inspect the item, remove pests, clean off soil/seeds, clean gear and close all containers



### Do a thorough visual check for signs of ants, skinks and their eggs, and rodents.

Many islands are free of rodents, invasive Argentine ants and plague skinks.

### Remove all soil, seeds and plant material from objects including footwear, wheels, machinery and diggers.

Weed seeds can quickly grow and get established in island environments; Kauri dieback disease threatens our kauri.



### Clean and dry boating equipment used in fresh or saltwater.

To prevent the spread of pests and aquatic weeds like exotic caulerpa and golden clam.

### Check, clean and close all bags, boxes and containers.

Pests can hitchhike in any open box, bag or container.



### Check the rules before you leave home with your pets.

Pets are not allowed on many Hauraki Gulf Islands because they can be a threat to birdlife. Consider leaving your pet at home.

By knowing the risks and planning ahead, we can all help protect our Hauraki Gulf Islands.

NEXT STEPS



## STEP 2

# HIGH-RISK GOODS

Before transportation or travel you must: inspect the item, remove pests, clean off soil/seeds, clean gear and close all containers. In addition, follow the steps below.

### COMMERCIAL GOODS

#### Building or landscaping supplies including materials, tools, equipment

Clean thoroughly, shake and inspect.

#### Farm machinery

Clean thoroughly to remove mud/plant material and seeds. Waterblasting can assist.

#### Hay, straw or stock feed

Only transport when freshly cut and bailed.

#### Heavy equipment such as loaders, tractors, diggers, excavators and forestry machinery

Heavy machinery must be free of mud, plant material and seeds.

#### Scaffolding

Waterblast or hose and then tape or cap ends.

### ITEMS THAT MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL

Check with Auckland Council at least ten working days ahead of time if you are moving any of these items.

#### Soil, wood chip, rubble, rocks, aggregate or gravel

This material must be checked or approved by an inspector or authorised person. A check of the source site may be required.

#### Buildings including prefabricated or flat-packed

Buildings must be inspected, and approval obtained from Auckland Council before transportation to the Gulf islands. This includes prefabricated or flat-packed buildings, tiny homes and shipping containers used as a building or for storage.

#### All Kauri plant material

To protect islands from Kauri Dieback disease it is illegal to move untreated kauri plant material to or among the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area unless you are disposing of it at approved Auckland Council landfill. Source Kauri from on the island if possible.

NOTE: You may be liable for a penalty if found to be carrying pests listed in Schedule 2 of the Hauraki Gulf Controlled Area Notice 2020. Check with DOC about any restrictions that apply to moving items to and visiting DOC-managed islands. Contact DOC on 0800 DOCHOT (0800 362 468)

### COMMON HIGH-RISK ITEMS

#### Vehicles, including trailers or equipment used for transporting animals, hay, straw, stock feed, farm machinery, plants or soil

Clean thoroughly – especially under the chassis. Check for signs of rodents, especially under the bonnet.

#### Compost, potting mix, mulch, wood chip or tree bark

Transport in commercially sealed bags. If taking more than 3kg of unsealed bags or large amounts, contact Auckland Council for advice prior to departure.

#### Plants

Source locally on the island if possible. Bare root plant to check for pests or thoroughly soak in water within 24 hours prior to departure to kill ants. If taking large quantities, contact Auckland Council for inspection prior to departure.

#### Any container or aquarium containing freshwater fish, freshwater plants or aquatic organisms

Remove all aquarium pond weed and dispose of it in the rubbish bin. Don't transport pest freshwater fish.

#### Coconut fibre

Use alternatives if possible. Use new fibre instead of second hand.

#### Beehives and associated pallets/equipment

Inspect the bases or underside of hives for ants and dirt.

**STEP 3** For advice or to arrange an inspection email [biosecurity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:biosecurity@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

To find out more: visit [www.ourauckland.nz/haurakigulf](http://www.ourauckland.nz/haurakigulf)

Through the Biosecurity Act 1993, Auckland Council inspectors have powers to carry out monitoring and surveillance to determine if pests, pest agents and unwanted organisms are present in risk goods.

Failure to follow these instructions may result in your travel being delayed or prevented on the day.