

How do I clean and disinfect my equipment?

Phylloxera Stop the Spread!



Use a designated cleaning area. Cleaning should be carried out in a designated area wherever possible – preferably on a hard surface (gravel, concrete or bitumen) and well away from the vineyard. Consider installing a dedicated wash-down bay with hot wash/pressure wash if you often have contractor equipment or machinery from other regions or states onto your property.

Be Aware.
Be Active.
Be Vigilant.



No run-off onto vines. Water run-off from cleaning **must not** be able to flow onto or next to any vines.



Get into the hard-to-reach bits. Remove any parts of machinery that may hold dirt or plant material debris, and thoroughly hot wash/pressure wash the machine or equipment, concentrating on the underside and other areas most likely to collect soil or plant material. Hot wash any associated equipment or vehicles – particularly wheels and mudguards.



All machinery, including contracted harvesting equipment, should be cleaned and disinfested prior to moving between properties, to comply with best practice for phylloxera management. Disinfestation procedures include hot water treatment (2 mins at 70C), steam (above 100C), or dry heat (75 mins at 45C, or 2 hours at 40C). If machinery or equipment are going from a PIZ to a PEZ or PRZ, they must be cleaned and disinfested by one of these methods.



Inspect bins on arrival to ensure they are free of dirt in the lift channels and any grape residues. If obtaining bins from a hire company, insist that they cleaned and disinfested before dispatched to your vineyard. Check that the appropriate legal requirements have been followed. Reject any loads that do not comply with the state's Regulations for phylloxera management.



If you use picking buckets from another vineyard, make sure they are cleaned and disinfested before entering your vineyard, and have the appropriate certification. It is strongly advised to have picking buckets dedicated to your vineyard, which should not be loaned out to other vineyards.



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