

Contractor Biosecurity requirements



Ahuahu- Great Mercury Island has been Pest Free since 2014 and we greatly appreciate your help to in keeping it this way. Please check you are not bringing any rodents, skinks, ants, or invasive weed seeds with you in your luggage and tools.

Just follow the simple procedures described below:

CLEAN.....PACK.....and then SECURE your gear from pests prior and during travel.

Thank you.

CLEAN gear and bags

Both your gear **and the bags** you pack items into, need to be clean before arrival. Clean your boots and any personal items you are bringing with you. Remove seeds and soil.

Tools bags and belts are easy places for ants and skinks to hide and for seeds to accumulate, so please take the time to empty them out and repack your tools. Open your tool wraps, clean out any dirt, seeds etc. Items in hard to clean tool belts, can be transferred to a clean bucket with a lid.

PACK gear and food into clean, secure containers or bags

When checking your gear, please pay special attention to hidden crevices in toolboxes, packaged items, outdoor clothes, work cloths and drop sheets. Insects and skinks can easily hide out in such places. Plague skinks are now common in Auckland and on the Coromandel. Make sure they cannot hitchhike in your belongings.



SECURE your bags

Close zips properly and tie down or tape up lids as required.

All skippers servicing Great Mercury Island will not accept risky gear. GMI staff will also call attention to unclean or poorly packed items.

If anything is not up to standard and cannot be verified as pest free, it will be left behind. As you step on the boat, you must be certain there are no pests travelling with you.

Contact us

If you have any queries, please contact the person arranging your visit, OR the Great Mercury Island Biosecurity Ranger
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