**VEHICLE / BULK GOODS
BIO SECURITY CHECK LIST**

This checklist should be completed prior to leaving home or as close to departure.

* Hose mud, dirt, seeds and any plant material off tools, machinery and vehicles. *(Ensure you thoroughly clean the wheels, guards, suspension, engine bay etc.)*
* Vacuum vehicle interior. *(Make sure you get under the seats, in the storage compartments etc.)*
* Treat (e.g. spray) for insects.
* Check for any signs of rodents/skinks (droppings or small white eggs).
* Check for any insect and ant activity. Treat and remove.
* Dust off cobwebs.
* Make sure food is in sealed containers.
* Make sure bulk items are secure and soil free.
* RODENTS:Prey on our native species & once on a pest-free island they’re like a “needle in a haystack”. ***Look out for droppings, chewed wiring and other material.***
* SEEDS: Foreign plants quickly become an infestation strangling native bush. ***Minimise and prevent spread to our islands by cleaning all gear.***
* SOIL: Clean soil off your gear to stop the spread of soil borne diseases. E.g. Kauri dieback; which is a fungus-like disease that kills trees mainly through soil movement on footwear, machinery & vehicles etc. ***Protect kauri by cleaning all gear.***
* RAINBOW SKINKS: The difference between introduced species is they’re most active during the day under things in the garden. ***They lay small white oval eggs in groups*** and they’re reproducing faster than our native skinks that are live born.
* ****ANTS:If you see ants, tap on the area a couple of times as they don’t like being disturbed. If there is a nest they will come out. Look to see if they’re carrying anything white. ***The vehicle shouldn’t travel until it’s been treated with insecticide.*** *If only the odd insect is seen, then fly spray can be applied as a precaution.*
**If you find stowaway pests, please get advice and clearance by calling the following number(s);**
* Rangitoto, Motutapu, Browns/Motukorea, Motuihe – 027 225 2255

OR

* 0800 DOC HOTline – 0800 262 468