WE ALL PLAY A ROLE

Whether you are riding an All-Terrain Vehicle, Utility Terrain Vehicle, dirt bike or even a boat, we all have a role to play in stopping the spread of invasive species throughout waterways, trails and forests.

For further information on identifying invasive species in your area or how you can help stop the spread, visit: www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca

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CLEAN EQUIPMENT PROTOCOL

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

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INSPECT ORV'S

Before

Moving ORV's between areas especially if invasive species may have been present.

Entering a different type of terrain or trail system.

Leaving an area where heavy soil, mud, grasses, have accumulated in chassis and wheel areas of your ORV.

Visiting remote and sensitive areas where normal vehicle traffic is limited.



After

Completing a trail ride or reaching the end of a wet or boggy section of trail.

Travel on roadsides where invasive species are known to have been present.

How to Inspect

Remove the seat and any covers or guards that are easily removed.

Pay special attention to any build-up of mud, dirt, or grass on the wheel areas, skid plates and foot rests.

CLEAN ORV'S

Where to Clean

Clean ORV's in a confined area where spread of contamination is limited.

Ideally: mud free, gravel covered, or a hard surface. Otherwise, a well maintained, regularly mowed grassy area.

Gentle slopes assist in draining water away from vehicles. Ensure the water stays or runs back into the cleaning site.

At least 30m away from any water course, water body and natural vegetation.

A clean ORV coming in ...



Remove the seat and any easy to remove covers

Focus on lower areas of the machine that are hard to reach. Especially between the motor and the skid pate. Wash off floor areas on ORV's.

Use a low-pressure water hose in and around radiators.

Use a light scraper to remove heavy buildup of mud and dirt.

Rubber gloves and safety glasses are recommended especially where poisonous or noxious plants are suspected (giant hogweed, poison ivy).

Avoid driving through the waste water when removing vehicles from cleaning site.

... A clean ORV going out