

Stop Didymo from entering the North Island:

Didymo is a microscopic pest that can be spread by a single drop of water. Didymo is currently found in over 150 South Island Rivers, **but is not found in the North Island.** Under the Biosecurity Act 1993, the entire South Island is a Controlled Area. This means people are legally obliged to prevent the spreading of didymo.



It is vital that you are vigilant when travelling between waterways to prevent the spread of didymo and other freshwater pests such as Lagarosiphon. Always Check, Clean, and Dry all footwear, vehicles, vessels, fishing equipment and all other items that have come into contact with freshwater, before entering and when moving between waterways.

For detailed information and specific cleaning guidelines refer to the Ministry of Primary Industries website at <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/didymo/cleaning>