

Fire ant update

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Fire ant biosecurity zones changes

The [fire ant biosecurity zones have been updated](#) to help minimise the risk of fire ants spreading through human-assisted movement. If you live or work near a fire ant detection and move [materials that can carry and transport fire ants](#), these changes may affect you.

Full or partial suburbs have been expanded or added to zone 1 and 2 to reflect recent fire ant detections in the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Somerset, Brisbane, and Gold Coast local government areas.

New to zones (full suburb)	New to zones (partial suburb)	Increased suburb coverage	Move to full suburb
Fire ant biosecurity zone 1			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grantham • Veradilla 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Tenthill • Ma Ma Creek • Placid Hills • Townson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winwill
Fire ant biosecurity zone 2			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witheren 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beechmont 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil

Anyone handling materials that can carry fire ants within these zones must meet their [general biosecurity obligation](#) (GBO) by:

- checking the [fire ant biosecurity zones](#) before moving materials off-site
- using [fire ant-safe practices](#) when handling, storing, and moving materials.

There is now a new GBO guideline for businesses.

New GBO guideline for businesses

This [GBO guideline](#), made under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* (Qld), is for businesses that deal with materials that can carry fire ants. It explains what steps you should take to meet your GBO and reduce the risk of spreading fire ants.

Eradication is only possible if all levels of government, industry and the community work together.

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Kind regards

National Fire Ant Eradication Program

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