



# TIPS FOR CLEANING OUT LIVESTOCK TRAILERS

Livestock trailers can be a major source of contamination. Travelling to shows and sales, and even transporting animals to separate areas of the farm can open up pathways of disease transfer. By taking the time to clean the trailer out after every use, the incidence of disease transfer can be significantly reduced. People picking up animals from multiple farms at one time (transport to slaughter, grow-out, sale) need to be particularly conscious of trailer cleanliness.

Check out the below tips for maintaining clean livestock trailers.

- **Ensure the trailer is thoroughly cleaned out after every use, whether on or off-farm**
  - » Clean by removing bedding and debris
  - » Wash with water and applicable detergents
  - » Disinfect with applicable products
  - » Follow label instructions including soaking and drying times for all products used
- **Use cleaning agents appropriate for the trailer material**
- **Provide fresh, dry bedding for each use as it will be easier to clean**
- **Use a designated area for cleaning out**
  - » Ensure organic material is removed to the manure pit right away
- **Wear waterproof clothing that can be easily cleaned of any debris picked up during washing**
- **Work from top to bottom, front to back**
  - » Make sure that when cleaning the exterior of the trailer, debris is not being pushed through vents and holes back into the trailer

A handy guide published by the Canadian Swine Health Board: [https://www.cpc-ccp.com/uploads/userfiles/files/4709%20Truck%20washing%20guide%20\\_lowresolution.pdf](https://www.cpc-ccp.com/uploads/userfiles/files/4709%20Truck%20washing%20guide%20_lowresolution.pdf)

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