

7.1 Minimized Phased Disturbance



Description

Phased disturbance limits the total amount of grading at any one time and sequences operations so that at least half the site is either left as undisturbed vegetation or re-stabilized prior to additional grading operations. This approach actively monitors and manages exposed areas, so that erosion is minimized and sediment controls can be more effective in protecting aquatic resources and downstream landowners.

Condition Where Practice Applies

This practice can be applied anywhere development occurs and is well suited to protect critical areas on and off site, such as wetlands, streams, ponds and highly erodible areas subject to high erosion rates. The practice is applicable where natural vegetation can act as a soil stabilizer during development and perhaps as a water quality feature after construction.

Planning Considerations

Two planning principles should be applied for phased disturbance. First, developments should be fit around the natural site conditions (e.g. topography, drainage, vegetation and setting) and thus involve less grading and fewer offsite impacts than conventional development patterns. Practically this means retaining undisturbed green space around water resources and on critical areas like steep slopes.

The second planning principle is focused on managing active construction, so that at least 50% of the land area is maintained in vegetation. By anticipating the timing and extent each grading and construction operation, along with erosion and sediment controls, exposed ground does not sit idle. This management principle is applied by developing phases of a project that can be brought to completion quicker than the entire parcel; and by utilizing

an effective construction sequence to assist project managers to anticipate the next step towards stabilization and completion.

Ideally with phasing and effective sequencing, a parcel is divided between vegetated inactive areas and active areas where work is continuous from clearing operations, through grading, drainage and construction until final re-stabilization with vegetation. A realistic construction sequence is an essential planning tool for this practice with the goal that only areas under active construction have exposed soils.

Construction Operation	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	F	M	A	M	J	J
PHASE 1: Roadway, Storm & UTILITIES																		
Install construction site entrance																		
Fence natural & tree protection area																		
Install SW/seed basin, diversion and silt F.																		
Seed SW/Seed basin areas																		
Clear ROW																		
Grading, install storm, San. and utilities																		
Place inlet protection on storm sewers																		
Grade road swales and stabilize																		
Road construction																		
Seed/mulch graded areas																		
PHASE 1: Home Construction																		
Clear home sites																		
Install silt fence & filter berms																		
Basement excavation & rough grading																		
Temporary seeding on lots																		
Final yard grading																		
Permanent seed and mulch																		
PHASE 2: Roadway, Storm & UTILITIES																		
Install sediment trap, silt F. and filter B.																		
Seed sediment trap																		
Grading, install storm, San. and utilities																		
Place inlet protection on storm inlets																		
Erosion control matting on swales																		
Road construction																		
Winterization- Seed/mulch graded areas																		
PHASE 2: Home Construction																		
Clear home sites																		
Install filter berms																		
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Final yard grading																		
Permanent seeding and mulching																		
Remove temp riser, clean out SW pond																		
Adapt SW pond outlet for permanent configuration																		

Figure 7.1.1 Sample Sequence of Construction Operations

Design Criteria

Specify all major construction operations including erosion and sediment controls with the estimated time for completion in a sequence of operations (see Figure 7.1.1). The sequence of operations shall be noted on construction drawings. Changes should be made to the construction sequence as work is completed or delayed.

Divide site work into major phases so that no more than 50% of the site is exposed at any one time. Within each phase, operations such as clearing can also be divided to keep from removing all the vegetation at once. For example, clearing for a roadway and infrastructure can be effectively separated from clearing operations required for homebuilding rather than removing all vegetation at once.

All areas that are disturbed shall be provided with appropriate controls such as sediment basins, traps or barriers to prevent sediment from impacting water resources or offsite areas. Disturbed areas that are expected to be inactive (idle) for 21 days or longer will be temporarily stabilized until the subsequent construction operations begin or permanent seeding and mulching can be completed.

Maintenance

Monitoring is essential to ensure that phasing and sequencing occur properly. This includes making sure only the areas that need to be exposed are exposed, and all other BMP practices are in good working order.

Routinely verify that work is progressing in accordance with the project's construction sequence. If progress deviates, take corrective actions.

When changes to the project schedule are unavoidable, amend the construction sequence schedule on drawings and plans well in advance to anticipate potential problems and maintain control.

Common Problems/Concerns

Proper planning not conducted – more than 50% of the site is bare at any one time. Areas may be too large and may need to be managed in smaller increments.

Active disturbance of the entire site does not allow portions to reach stages of completion so that temporary or permanent seeding and mulching can be employed. A failure to limit work areas to phases will result in erosion and sediment control being less effective.

Failure to anticipate completion dates for final or temporary grading stages can leave disturbed areas unprotected during winter months.

Failure to follow the construction sequence or maintain may result in erosion and sediment control items being delayed.

Temporary seeding and revegetation of graded areas is delayed as other work slows. Some areas such as slopes should proceed with seedings even though delays in other operations are occurring.

7.2 Clearing and Grubbing



Description

Clearing and grubbing is the removal of trees, brush and other unwanted material in order to develop land for other uses or provide access for site work. Clearing generally describes the cutting and removal of above ground material while grubbing is the removal of roots, stumps, and other unwanted material below existing grade.

Clearing and grubbing includes the proper disposal of materials and the implementation of best management practices in order to minimize exposure of soil to erosion and causing downstream sedimentation.

Condition Where Practice Applies

This practice may be applied anywhere existing trees and other material must be removed for development to occur. The potential for erosion and sedimentation increases as: the vegetation removed, area disturbed or watercourses encountered increases.

Planning Considerations

Site assessment, selection and marking

Sites should be assessed to determine areas to be left undisturbed as well as trees or vegetated areas to be saved (see tree preservation area). These areas need to be clearly marked on plans and in the field. Land clearing activities should not begin until the site assessment and the field marking is concluded.

Timing and Phasing

Large-scale sites should be cleared in phases, with initiation of each phase delayed until actual construction is scheduled for that area of the site.

Erosion, sediment and stream instability potential

Clearing in some areas should be avoided or delayed due to the potential for destabilization. Cleared sites on heavy soils and steep slopes are subject to excessive erosion and may require additional practices to keep the soil in place. Land clearing during dry or frozen times will decrease compaction and potential water quality problems from runoff.

Stream corridors should be left in tact unless and until plans have been made to immediately restore stable conditions. These areas are subject to rapid erosion once vegetation is removed and soon become a source of sediment downstream. Alternatively naturally vegetated stream corridors help protect water resources from pollution generated during grubbing and grading operations.

Design Criteria

Timber Salvage – Develop plans specifying the kind and location of timber to be salvaged, the location of haul roads and skid trails, location and width of natural buffer zones around water bodies, and the location and methods of stream crossings. The method of disposing of all material that will not be salvaged should also be specified. Plans should also include the best management practices that will be used to protect the cleared area from erosion.

Identify and protect healthy trees following specifications in the **Tree and Natural Area Preservation** practice. Where possible, preserve a natural buffer/filler strip adjacent to all water bodies. Avoid clearing to the water bodies' edge.

1. Where it is necessary to clear to the water's edge, appropriate sediment control should be used and seeding and other stabilization should be initiated within 2 days of work becoming idle.
2. Phase work so that only part of the site is being cleared at any given time. This will reduce the amount of time soil is exposed to erosive forces. Follow examples in the **Phased Disturbance** practice.
3. Install earth diversions to intercept and divert runoff to stable outlets and appropriate sediment ponds.

4. All debris should be kept out of surface water resources. If possible, leave mulch or vegetation on the ground to decrease runoff and potential runoff. See the "Disposal Options" section, below.
5. Exposed areas not planning for immediate earthwork should be temporarily seeded to prevent further erosion at the site. See the **Temporary Seeding** practice. Additional stabilization or sediment control practices may be necessary to keep soil on the site.

Grubbing – Grubbing removes roots and stumps by digging or pushing over with earth moving equipment. Grubbing should be carefully monitored near lakes and streams to protect the water's edge. Removing root systems near the banks of streams and lakes make cause the area to become unstable and erode. If possible, avoid grubbing at all near the water's edge.

Tree Removal

1. Where trees and stumps are removed in separate operations, trees may be used for commercial purposes such as lumber, firewood, or mulch.

2. Trees and stumps may be removed in one operation. This method leaves materials that can be useful in stream restoration and stabilization (e.g rootwads, vanes), may be used as a rootwads for streambank restoration work. Be certain that sufficient trunk is left for effective anchoring in the bank. Tops of trees should be removed and chipped for mulch.

3. Operating heavy equipment too close to trees will result in damage or loss due to soil disruption, compaction and trunk damage. It is recommended that all heavy equipment operations be limited to outside the drip line of all trees to be preserved. The drip line is the area from the trunk of the tree outward to a point at which there is no longer any overhanging vegetation.

4. In forested wetlands, shallow-rooted species are protected by each other from potential wind damage. Whenever trees are removed from a forested wetland, the possibility of blow downs or windthrow increases. Shallow rooted species are also protected by edge trees, which shield the prevailing wind side of the woodlot. It is helpful to leave as many edge trees as possible on the prevailing wind side of the cleared area.

Disposal Options

Where possible, all stumps, roots, logs, brush, limbs, tops and other debris resulting from the clearing or thinning operation should be disposed of by processing through a chipping machine. The chips can then be utilized as mulch (see Mulching practice), as part of a site stabilization or final landscaping plan. Organic material may also be disposed of at an approved composting facility.

Note that treetops, stumps and field stone which are cleared and piled/windrowed in suitable areas can improve habitat for wildlife such as rabbits, raccoons, snakes, salamanders, toads and frogs.

Maintenance

Land clearing itself requires no maintenance except maintenance of the equipment used in the land clearing operation. Tree protection that utilizes fencing and signage should be maintained throughout the clearing stages. It is also important to maintain all other temporary and permanent practices that are used in conjunction with the land clearing to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation.

Common Problems / Concerns

Clearing of areas planned for preservation may occur and desirable species may be damaged, therefore preservation areas should be well marked.

During construction, naturally vegetated banks of stream and lakes may become destabilized. Clearly mark areas where natural vegetation must be maintained, and immediately implement stabilization plans of denuded areas.

As large areas are disturbed, site erosion potential drastically increases until cover is re-established. Establish temporary seedings as soon as clearing/grubbing and grading activities stop or become idle.

7.3 Tree and Natural Area Reservation



Description

Tree and natural area preservation insures that important vegetated areas existing on-site prior to development will survive the construction process. Tree protection areas prevent the losses and damages to trees that are common as a result of construction. This practice is useful to protect individual trees, and areas of forest or natural vegetation in stream corridors, or open space.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

This practice is applicable to any tree, forested or naturally vegetated area planned for long-term survival and subject to construction impacts. Existing trees provide valuable benefits during and after construction including: reduced erosion, reduced runoff rates and volume, reduced cooling costs, sound and visual barriers and higher property values.

Planning Considerations

Preservation of important natural areas must begin before the location of buildings, roads and utilities is determined. Early site planning should include delineating forested areas and significant trees and creating an inventory of the existing trees on-site. These should influence the placement of roads, buildings, and parking areas in the same manner as topography, streams and wetlands.

Tree Stand Delineation – Useful information for the delineation may include:

- Stands of trees to be preserved
- Individual trees of significance due to age, size, history, or aesthetic value

- Hazard trees to be removed
- Open areas
- Sensitive areas such as wetlands, riparian corridors, important wildlife habitat
- Other important natural or historic features.

Tree Survey (Inventory) – A tree inventory or survey provides more detailed information about tree resources. Key to this step is outlining, on the engineering plans, the root zone of trees that may be impacted during construction. A method to calculate the root zone is to allow one-foot of radius for each inch of trunk diameter at breast height. Alternatively drip line or outline of the furthest hanging branches can be used (see the figure). Information to include in the tree survey includes:

- All trees to be impacted by proposed construction and critical root zone
- Diameter of tree
- Species of tree
- Health of tree
- Notes on crown or root condition

Note regarding tree survival: A tree's root zone is critical to its ability to survive.

Damaging the root zone during construction will lead to the tree's decline and ultimately its death within 1 to 10 years. Ninety-five percent of a tree's roots are in the upper 12-18 inches of soil, and the majority of the roots supplying nutrients are found just below the soil surface. The critical root zone extends at least to the drip zone of a tree and must be protected from soil compaction, grubbing, filling activities, and other disturbances.

Design Criteria

Site Plan – With the tree survey data and high value natural areas clearly shown on a base map, site designers can plan the location of roads, utilities, and other improvements to minimize impacts. Regarding trees, the plan identifies tree preservation areas as well as those trees that will be severely impacted by development, and which may need to be removed. The following should be shown on the erosion and sediment control plans and clearly marked on site:

- Limits of clearing and grubbing
- Natural preservation areas including the specimens (detail extent and type)
- Construction roads and stockpile areas outside of preservation areas
- Notes and drawings detailing measures to protect preservation areas during construction,
- Notes and drawings detailing protect preservation areas following construction,
- Areas for planting.

Protection During Construction for Tree Preservation Areas – Construction administration is the on-site protection and care of trees selected to remain. The following are necessary activities for adequate protection:

- **Prevent any filling, compaction, storage, or excavation within the tree protection zone.** Weight and traffic on a tree's root zone cause soil compaction. This reduces air and water movement to the tree's root system and is a major cause of tree decline.

- **Fence out construction traffic.** Tree protection areas must be made visible during construction. A physical barrier of a fence and signage must be in place prior to clearing and remain in place throughout construction.
- **Delineate parking, material storage, and cement washout areas to prevent inappropriate areas from being utilized.**
- **Supervise clearing activities to insure “save” areas are preserved.**

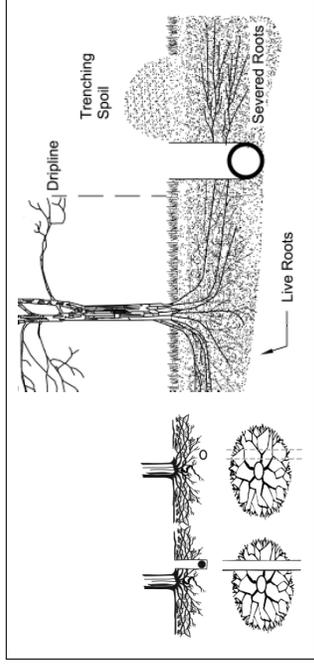


Figure 7.3.1 Inappropriate trenching (40% root loss) versus Tunneling (no significant root loss) and more appropriate trenching.

- **Supervise trenching, excavation and tunneling near trees to be saved.** Trenching near trees effectively cuts off large portions of a tree's root system (see figure). Ideally trenching should stay beyond the drip zone of a tree. A better alternative is to tunnel beneath the root zone at a depth greater than 2 feet.
- **Care for damaged trees.** Cutting damaged root systems clean and removing damaged branches may aid slightly damaged trees.

Provide a permanent visual barrier - Protecting forest vegetation permanently requires visual barriers to encroachment. It is not enough to protect areas with conservation easements, deed restrictions or even separate ownership. Forested stream buffers, parks and valuable wood lots are often severely degraded by mowing, removal of the understory and ground cover plants, and dumping of yard waste. Permanent signs or fences should identify the area and describe allowable uses.

Common Concerns

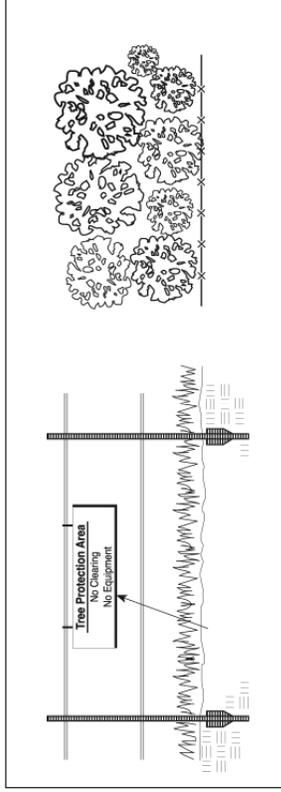
The following consequences can result from tree damage during construction activities:

- Loss of individual or groups of trees
- Long term decline of tree health
- Increased personal property damage
- Reduced property values
- Increased cost of removal once the project is complete

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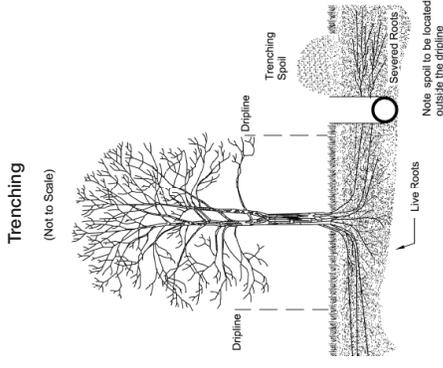
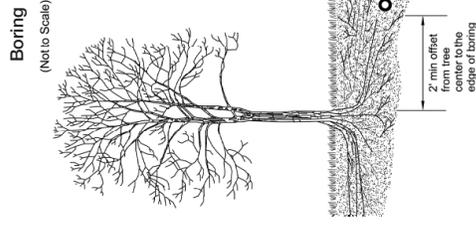
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Tree and Natural Area Preservation



1. Tree and natural area preservation shall be fenced prior to beginning clearing operations.
2. Fence materials shall be metal fence posts with two strands of high tensile wire, plastic fence or snow fence.
3. Signage shall clearly identify the tree and natural preservation area and state that no clearing or equipment is allowed within it.
4. Fence shall be placed as shown on plans and beyond the drip line or canopy of trees to be protected.
5. If any clearing is done around specimen trees it shall be done by cutting at ground level with hand held tools and shall not be grubbed or pulled out. No clearing shall be done in buffer strips or other preserved forested areas.
6. No filling or stockpiling of materials shall occur within the tree protection area, including deposition of sediment.

Protection During Utility Installation



1. Where utilities must run through a tree's dripline area, tunneling should be used to minimize root damage. Tunneling should be performed at a minimum depth of 24 inches for trees less than 12 inches in diameter or at a minimum depth of 36 inches for larger diameter trees.
2. Where tunneling will be performed within the dripline of a tree, the tunnel should be placed a minimum of 2 feet away from the tree trunk to avoid taproots.
3. Minimize excavation or trenching within the dripline of the tree. Route trenches around the dripline of trees.
4. Roots two inches or larger that are severed by trenching should be sawn off neatly in order to encourage new growth and discourage decay.
5. Soil excavated during trenching shall be piled on the side away from the tree.
6. Roots shall be kept moist while trenches are open and refilled immediately after utilities are installed or repaired.

7.4 Construction Entrance



Description

A construction entrance is a stabilized pad of stone underlain with a geotextile and is used to reduce the amount of mud tracked off-site with construction traffic. Located at points of ingress/egress, the practice is used to reduce the amount of mud tracked off-site with construction traffic.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

A construction entrance is applicable where:

- Construction traffic leaves active construction areas and enters public roadways or areas unchecked by effective sediment controls;
- Areas where frequent vehicle and equipment access is expected and likely to contribute sediment to runoff, such as at the entrance to individual building lots.

Planning Considerations

Construction entrances address areas that contribute significant amounts of mud to runoff by providing a stable area for traffic. Although they allow some mud to be removed from construction vehicle tires before they enter a public road, they should not be the only practice relied upon to manage off-site tracking. Since most mud is flung from tires as they reach higher speeds, restricting traffic to stabilized construction roads, entrances and away from muddy areas is necessary.

If a construction entrance is not sufficient to remove the majority of mud from wheels or there is an especially sensitive traffic situation on adjacent roads, wheel wash areas may be necessary. This requires an extended width pad to avoid conflicts with traffic, a supply of wash water and sufficient drainage to assure runoff is captured in a sediment pond or trap.

Proper installation of a construction entrance requires a geotextile and proper drainage to insure construction site runoff does not leave the site. The use of geotextile under the stone helps to prevent potholes from developing and will save the amount of stone needed during the life of the practice. Proper drainage may include culverts to direct water under the roadway or water bars to direct muddy water off the roadway toward sediment traps or ponds.

Design Criteria

The area of the entrance must be cleared of all vegetation, roots, and other objectionable material. Geotextile will then be placed the full width and length of the entrance.

Stone shall be placed to a depth of at least 6 inches. Roads subject to heavy duty loads should be increased to a minimum of 10 inches. Surface water shall be conveyed under the entrance, through culverts, or diverted via a water bars or mountable berms (minimum 5:1 slopes) so as to convey sediment laden runoff to sediment control practices or to allow clean water to pass by the entrance.

The stabilized construction entrance shall meet the specifications that follow.

Maintenance

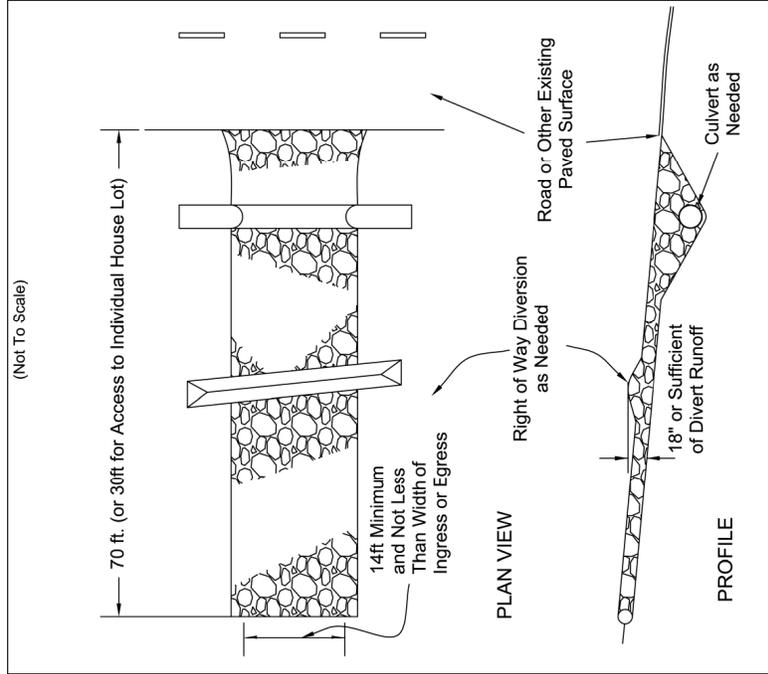
The entrance shall be maintained in a condition that will prevent tracking or flow of mud onto public rights-of-way. This may require periodic top dressing with additional stone or the washing and reworking of existing stone as conditions demand and repair and/or cleanout of any structures used to trap sediment. All materials spilled, dropped, washed, or tracked from vehicles onto roadways or into storm drains must be removed immediately. The use of water trucks to remove materials dropped, washed, or tracked onto roadways will not be permitted under any circumstances.

Common Problems / Concerns

Mud is allowed to accumulate and is tracked on to public right-of-ways. The entrance and associated construction roads may need dressing with additional stone.

Soft depression areas develop in entrance area. Stone may not have been underlain with geotextile or insufficient stone base has been provided.

Construction Entrance



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1. Stone Size—ODOT # 2 (1.5-2.5 inch) stone shall be used, or recycled concrete equivalent.
2. Length—The Construction entrance shall be as long as required to stabilize high traffic areas but not less than 70 ft. (exception: apply 30 ft. minimum to single residence lots).
3. Thickness - The stone layer shall be at least 6 inches thick for light duty entrances or at least 10 inches for heavy duty use.
4. Width - The entrance shall be at least 14 feet wide, but not less than the full width at points where ingress or egress occurs.
5. Geotextile - A geotextile shall be laid over the entire area prior to placing stone. It shall be composed of strong rot-proof polymeric fibers and meet the following specifications:

Geotextile Specification for Construction Entrance	
Minimum Tensile Strength	200 lbs.
Minimum Puncture Strength	80 psi.
Minimum Tear Strength	50 lbs.
Minimum Burst Strength	320 psi.
Minimum Elongation	20%
Equivalent Opening Size	EOS < 0.6 mm.
Permittivity	1 x 10 ⁻³ cm/sec.
6. Timing—The construction entrance shall be installed as soon as is practicable before major grading activities.
7. Culvert - A pipe or culvert shall be constructed under the entrance if needed to prevent surface water from flowing across the entrance or to prevent runoff from being directed out onto paved surfaces.
8. Water Bar - A water bar shall be constructed as part of the construction entrance if needed to prevent surface runoff from flowing the length of the construction entrance and out onto paved surfaces.
9. Maintenance - Top dressing of additional stone shall be applied as conditions demand. Mud spilled, dropped, washed or tracked onto public roads, or any surface where runoff is not checked by sediment controls, shall be removed immediately. Removal shall be accomplished by scraping or sweeping.
10. Construction entrances shall not be relied upon to remove mud from vehicles and prevent off-site tracking. Vehicles that enter and leave the construction-site shall be restricted from muddy areas.
11. Removal—the entrance shall remain in place until the disturbed area is stabilized or replaced with a permanent roadway or entrance.

7.5 Dust Control



Description

Dust control involves preventing or reducing dust from exposed soils or other sources during land disturbing, demolition and construction activities to reduce the presence of airborne substances which may present health hazards, traffic safety problems or harm animal or plant life.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

In areas subject to surface and air movement of dust where on-site and off-site damage is likely to occur if preventive measures are not taken.

Planning Considerations

Construction activities inevitably result in the exposure and disturbance of soil. Fugitive dust results from both construction activities and as a result of wind erosion over the exposed earth surfaces. Large quantities of dust are typically generated in heavy construction activities, such as road construction and subdivision, commercial or industrial development, which involve disturbing significant areas of the soil surface. Research of construction sites has established an average dust emission rate of 1.2 tons/acre/month for active construction. Earth-moving activities comprise the major source of construction dust emissions, but traffic and general disturbance of the soil also generate significant dust emissions. Planning for dust control involves limiting the amount of soil disturbance at any one time as a key objective. Therefore, phased clearing and grading operations (minimize disturbance-phasing) and the utilization of other stabilization practices can significantly reduce dust emissions. Undisturbed vegetative buffers (minimum 50-foot widths) left between graded areas and protected areas can also be very helpful in dust control by providing windbreaks and non-erosive areas.

Design Criteria

A number of measures can be utilized to limit dust either during or between construction stages or once construction is complete. Generally the same methods that are used to limit erosion by limiting exposure of soils to rainfall can be used to limit dust including: stabilizing exposed soils with mulch, vegetation or permanent cover. Additional methods particular to dust control include managing vehicles and construction traffic, road treatment and treatment of exposed soil with chemical stabilizers.

Vegetative Cover – The most effective way to prevent dust from exposed soil is to provide a dense cover of vegetation. In areas subject to little or no construction traffic, vegetative stabilization reduces dust drastically. Timely temporary and permanent seedings must be utilized to accomplish this. See TEMPORARY SEEDING & PERMANENT SEEDING.

Mulch – When properly applied, mulch offers a fast, effective means of controlling dust. Mulching is not recommended for areas within heavy traffic pathways. Binders or tackifiers should be used to tack organic mulches. See MULCHING.

Rough Graded Soils – Leaving the soil in a temporary state of rough grade, where clods rather than flattened soils predominate the surface can reduce the amount of dust generated from areas during periods of higher winds. This must be balanced by the need to reach a stage where the soil can be stabilized and may be only be necessary when high winds are predicted.

Watering - This is the most commonly used dust control practice. The site is sprinkled with water until the surface is wet before and during grading and is repeated as needed. It offers fast protection for haul roads and other heavy traffic routes. Watering should be done at a rate that prevents dust but does not cause soil erosion. Wetting agents are also available to increase the effectiveness of watering and must follow manufacturers instructions.

Chemical Stabilizers/Wetting Agents – Many products of this type are available and are usually most effective on typical mineral soils but may not be on predominantly organic soils such as muck. Users are advised to pay attention to the limitations and instructions regarding each product. The following table lists various adhesives and provides corresponding information on mixing and application:

Table 7.5.1 Adhesives for Dust Control

Adhesive	Water Dilution (Adhesive: Water)	Nozzle Type	Application Rate Gallon/Acre
Latex Emulsion	12.5:1	Fine	235
Resin in Water	4:1	Fine	300
Acrylic Emulsion (No-traffic)	7:1	Coarse	450
Acrylic Emulsion (Traffic)	3.5:1	Coarse	350

Stone - Stone can be used to stabilize roads or other areas during construction using crushed stone or coarse gravel. Research has shown the addition of bentonite to limestone roads (not igneous gravel) has shown benefits in reducing dust.

Windbreaks and Barriers – Where dust is a known problem, existing windbreak vegetation should be preserved. Maintaining existing rows of trees or constructing a wind fence, sediment fence, or similar barrier can help to control air currents and blowing soil. Place barriers perpendicular to prevailing air currents at intervals of about 1.5 times the barrier height.

Calcium Chloride - This chemical may be applied by mechanical spreader as loose, dry granules or flakes at a rate that keeps the surface moist but not so high as to cause water pollution or plant damage. Liquid application of a 35% calcium chloride solution is common. Note: application rates should be strictly in accordance with suppliers' specified rates.

Street Cleaning - Paved areas that have accumulated sediment from construction sites should be cleaned daily, or as needed, utilizing a street sweeper or bucket -type loader or scraper.

Operation and Maintenance

Most dust control measures, such as applications of water or road treatments will require monitoring and repeat applications as needed to accomplish good control.

Common Problems / Concerns

Vegetation is removed from large areas of the construction site and left barren for long periods of time.

Continuous, scheduled monitoring of the construction site conditions is not made.

Specifications for Dust Control

1. Vegetative Cover and mulch – Apply temporary or permanent seeding and mulch to areas that will remain idle for over 21 days. Saving existing trees and large shrubs will also reduce soil and air movement across disturbed areas. See Temporary Seeding, Permanent Seeding, Mulching Practices; and Tree and Natural Area Protection practices.
2. Watering – Spray site with water until the surface is wet before and during grading and repeat as needed, especially on haul roads and other heavy traffic routes. Watering shall be done at a rate that prevents dust but does not cause soil erosion. Wetting agents shall be utilized according to manufacturers instructions.
3. Spray-On Adhesives – Apply adhesive according to the following table or manufacturers' instructions.

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4. Stone – Graded roadways and other suitable areas will be stabilized using crushed stone or coarse gravel as soon as practicable after reaching an interim or final grade. Crushed stone or coarse gravel can be used as a permanent cover to provide control of soil emissions.
5. Barriers – Existing windbreak vegetation shall be marked and preserved. Snow fencing or other suitable barrier may be placed perpendicular to prevailing air currents at intervals of about 1.5 times the barrier height to control air currents and blowing soil.
6. Calcium Chloride - This chemical may be applied by mechanical spreader as loose, dry granules or flakes at a rate that keeps the surface moist but not so high as to cause water pollution or plant damage. Application rates should be strictly in accordance with suppliers' specified rates.
7. Operation and Maintenance - When Temporary Dust Control measures are used, repetitive treatment should be applied as needed to accomplish control.

Street Cleaning - Paved areas that have accumulated sediment from construction should be cleaned daily, or as needed, utilizing a street sweeper or bucket -type endloader or scraper.

7.7 Topsoiling



Description

Topsoiling occurs during grading operations as the upper most organic layer of soil is stripped and stockpiled from areas being graded and subsequently replaced on the newly graded areas. Topsoil provides a more suitable growing medium than subsoil or on areas with poor moisture, low nutrient levels, undesirable pH, or in the presence of other materials that would inhibit establishment of vegetation. Replacing topsoil helps plant growth by improving the water holding capacity and nutrient content and consistency of the soils.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

This practice applies anywhere a good stand of vegetation is desired, whether turf, ornamental plants, and/ or vegetative cover especially in areas where high-quality turf is desirable to withstand intense use or meet aesthetic requirements, although it may not be appropriate for areas with slopes greater than 2:1.

This practice is especially applicable to areas where:

- existing soil structure, pH, or nutrient balance cannot be easily improved with soil amendments to be a suitable growth medium.
- existing soils are too shallow to provide adequate rooting depth or;
- the existing soil contains substances toxic to the desired vegetation.

Planning Considerations

Topsoil is the upper layer of natural soil (A horizon), which is typically darker and more fertile than the subsoil due to increased amounts of organic material. This layer is typically very evident as a person excavates through soil horizons. Project sites will have varying degrees of topsoil resources prior to construction, with some historically eroded sites having limited topsoil resources. These sites may have less justification for moving, stockpiling and re-spreading the top horizon of soil. If in question, assistance by a trained soils professional should be sought to determine the extent of topsoil resources on the project site.

Although replacing topsoil is critical to establishing good vegetation and limiting runoff from development sites, it comes with additional costs. Stripping, stockpiling and reapplying topsoil or importing topsoil will require greater work in grading operations and therefore will increase costs. Topsoiling will also add time to grading operations and may increase the exposure time of denuded areas. Additionally, depending on the original vegetative cover, topsoil often contains weed seeds that may compete with desirable species.

In site planning, the option of topsoiling should be compared with that of preparing a seedbed in subsoil. The clay content of subsoil does provide high moisture availability and deters leaching of nutrients. When adjusted for optimal pH and nutrient availability, subsoil may provide an adequate growth medium that is generally free of weeds. Topsoiling may not be required to establish less demanding, lower maintenance plants, although runoff will be increased due to the lack of topsoil from the site.

If topsoiling is planned, locations for topsoil stockpiles must be determined where drainage and site work will not be encumbered. Construction scheduling must be adjusted to allow sufficient time for moving, stockpiling and spreading topsoil between grading and re-vegetation operations.

Design Criteria

These are provided in the specifications that follow.

Maintenance

Topsoil stockpiles should be stabilized with temporary vegetation and provided sufficient sediment controls. Sediment Controls will need regular inspection and appropriate repairs as needed.

Common Problems / Concerns

- Care must be taken not to apply topsoil to subsoil if the two soils have contrasting textures. Clayey topsoil over sandy subsoil is a particularly poor combination, as water may creep along the junction between the soil layers, leading to sloughing of the topsoil. Sandy topsoil over clay subsoil is equally likely to fail.
- If topsoil and subsoil are not properly bonded, water will not infiltrate the soil profile evenly and it will be difficult to establish vegetation. Topsoiling of steep slopes is highly discouraged, unless good bonding of soils can be achieved.
- Topsoil should not be applied in excessively wet/moist conditions.

Topsoiling

Salvaging and Stockpiling

1. Determine the depth and suitability of topsoil at the site. (For help, contact your local SWCD office to obtain a county soil survey report).
2. Prior to stripping topsoil, install appropriate downslope erosion and sedimentation controls such as sediment traps and basins.
3. Remove the soil material no deeper than what the county soil survey describes as "surface soil" (ie. A or Ap horizon).
4. Construct stockpiles in accessible locations that do not interfere with natural drainage. Install appropriate sediment controls to trap sediment such as silt fence immediately adjacent to the stockpile or sediment traps or basins downstream of the stockpile. Stockpile side slopes shall not exceed a ratio of 2:1.
5. If topsoil is stored for more than 21 days, it should be temporary seeded, or covered with a tarp.

Spreading the Topsoil

1. Prior to applying topsoil, the topsoil should be pulverized.
2. To ensure bonding, grade the subsoil and roughen the top 3-4 in. by disking.
3. Do not apply when site is wet, muddy, or frozen, because it makes spreading difficult, causes compaction problems, and inhibits bonding with subsoil.
4. Apply topsoil evenly to a depth of at least 4 inches and compact slightly to improve contact with subsoil.
5. After spreading, grade and stabilize with seeding or appropriate vegetation.

7.8 Temporary Seeding



Description

Temporary seedings establish temporary cover on disturbed areas by planting appropriate rapidly growing annual grasses or small grains. Temporary seeding provides erosion control on areas in between construction operations. Grasses, which are quick growing, are seeded and usually mulched to provide prompt, temporary soil stabilization. It effectively minimizes the area of a construction site prone to erosion and should be used everywhere the sequence of construction operations allows vegetation to be established.

Conditions Where the Practice Applies

Temporary seeding should be applied on exposed soil where additional work (grading, etc.) is not scheduled for more than 21 days. Permanent seeding should be applied if the areas will be idle for more than one year.

Planning Considerations

This practice has the potential to drastically reduce the amount of sediment eroded from a construction site. Erosion control efficiencies greater than 90% will be achieved with proper applications of temporary seeding. Because practices used to trap sediment are usually much less effective, temporary seeding is to be used even on areas where runoff is treated by sediment trapping practices. Because temporary seeding is highly effective and practical on construction sites, its liberal use is highly recommended.

Design Criteria

Specifications follow these explanations of important aspects of temporary seeding.

Plant Selection: Select the plants appropriate from the table in the Specifications for Temporary seeding. Choose varieties of tall fescue that are endophyte free or have non-toxic endophytes. Seeding rates for dormant seedings are increased by 50 percent. More information on dormant seedings is given in the permanent seeding section.

The length of time the area will idle and the season in which seeding occurs should influence the selection of seeding species. For areas remaining idle for over a year, a mixture containing perennial ryegrass is recommended. Cereal grains (rye, oats and wheat) are included in some of the mixtures as cover crops. These are annual plants that will die after producing seed. Realize that oats will not over-winter and continue to grow as wheat and rye do.

Site preparation: Temporary seeding is best done on a prepared soil seedbed of loose pulverized soil. However, seedings should not be delayed, if additional grading operations are not possible. At a minimum, remove large rock or debris that will interfere with seeding operations. If the ground has become crusted, a disk or a harrow should be used to loosen the soil. Overall the best soil conditions will exist immediately after grading operations cease, when soils remain loose and moist.

Soil amendments: A soil test is necessary to adequately predict the need for lime and fertilizer. Seedings that are expected to be long lasting (over 1-3 months), should have lime and fertilizer applied as recommended by a soil test. In lieu of a soil test, fertilizer can be broadcast and worked into the top inch of soil at the rate of 6 pounds/1000 ft² or 250 pounds per acre of 10-10-10 or 12-12-12.

Seeding Methods: Seed shall be applied uniformly with a cyclone spreader, drill, cultipacker seeder, or hydroseeder. When feasible, seed that has been broadcast shall be covered by raking or dragging and then lightly tamped into place using a roller or cultipacker. If hydroseeding is used, the seed and fertilizer will be mixed on-site and the seeding shall be done immediately and without interruption.

Maintenance

Areas failing to establish vegetative cover adequate to prevent erosion shall be reseeded as soon as such areas are identified.

Seeding performed during hot and dry summer months shall be watered at a rate of 1 inch per week.

Common Problems / Concerns

- Insufficient topsoil or inadequately tilled, limed, and/ or fertilized seedbed results in poor establishment of vegetation.
- An overly high seeding rate of nurse crop (oat, rye or wheat) in the seed mixture results in over competition with the perennials.
- Seeding outside of seeding dates results in poor vegetation establishment and a decrease in plant hardiness.
- An inadequate rate of mulch results in poor germination and failure.

Specifications
for

Temporary Seeding

Table 7.8.1 Temporary Seeding Species Selection

Seeding Dates	Species	Lb./1000 ft ²	Lb./Acre	
March 1 to August 15	Oats	3	128 (4 bushel)	
	Tall Fescue	1	40	
	Annual Ryegrass	1	40	
	Perennial Ryegrass	1	40	
	Tall Fescue	1	40	
	Annual Ryegrass	1	40	
	Annual Ryegrass	1.25	55	
	Perennial Ryegrass	3.25	142	
	Creeping Red Fescue	0.4	17	
	Kentucky Bluegrass	0.4	17	
August 16th to November	Oats	3	128 (3 bushel)	
	Tall Fescue	1	40	
	Annual Ryegrass	1	40	
	Rye	3	112 (2 bushel)	
	Tall Fescue	1	40	
	Annual Ryegrass	1	40	
	Wheat	3	120 (2 bushel)	
	Tall Fescue	1	40	
	Annual Ryegrass	1	40	
	Perennial Ryegrass	1	40	
November 1 to Feb. 29	Annual Ryegrass	1.25	40	
	Perennial Ryegrass	3.25	40	
	Creeping Red Fescue	0.4	40	
	Kentucky Bluegrass	0.4	40	
	Use mulch only or dormant seeding			

Note: Other approved species may be substituted.

1. Structural erosion and sediment control practices such as diversions and sediment traps shall be installed and stabilized with temporary seeding prior to grading the rest of the construction site.
2. Temporary seed shall be applied between construction operations on soil that will not be graded or reworked for 21 days or greater. These idle areas shall be seeded within 7 days after grading.
3. The seedbed should be pulverized and loose to ensure the success of establishing vegetation. Temporary seeding should not be postponed if ideal seedbed preparation is not possible.
4. Soil Amendments—Temporary vegetation seeding rates shall establish adequate stands of vegetation, which may require the use of soil amendments. Base rates for lime and fertilizer shall be used.
5. Seeding Method—Seed shall be applied uniformly with a cyclone spreader, drill, cultipacker seeder, or hydroseeder. When feasible, seed that has been broadcast shall be covered by raking or dragging and then lightly tamped into place using a roller or cultipacker. If hydroseeding is used, the seed and fertilizer will be mixed on-site and the seeding shall be done immediately and without interruption.

Specifications
for

Temporary Seeding

Mulching Temporary Seeding

1. Applications of temporary seeding shall include mulch, which shall be applied during or immediately after seeding. Seedings made during optimum seeding dates on favorable, very flat soil conditions may not need mulch to achieve adequate stabilization.
2. Materials:
 - Straw—If straw is used, it shall be unrotted small-grain straw applied at a rate of 2 tons per acre or 90 lbs./1,000 sq. ft. (2-3 bales)
 - Hydroseeders—If wood cellulose fiber is used, it shall be used at 2000 lbs./ ac. or 46 lb./ 1,000-sq.-ft.
 - Other—Other acceptable mulches include mulch matings applied according to manufacturer's recommendations or wood chips applied at 6 ton/ ac.
3. Straw Mulch shall be anchored immediately to minimize loss by wind or water. Anchoring methods:
 - Mechanical—A disk, crimper, or similar type tool shall be set straight to punch or anchor the mulch material into the soil. Straw mechanically anchored shall not be finely chopped but left to a length of approximately 6 inches.
 - Mulch Netting—Netting shall be used according to the manufacturers recommendations. Netting may be necessary to hold mulch in place in areas of concentrated runoff and on critical slopes.
 - Synthetic Binders—Synthetic binders such as Acrylic DLR (Agri-Tac), DCA-70, Pétrosel, Terra Track or equivalent may be used at rates recommended by the manufacturer.
 - Wood-Cellulose Fiber—Wood-cellulose fiber binder shall be applied at a net dry wt. of 750 lb./ac. The wood-cellulose fiber shall be mixed with water and the mixture shall contain a maximum of 50 lb./100 gal.

7.9 Mulching



Description

A protective layer of mulch, usually of straw, applied to bare soil is used to abate erosion by shielding it from raindrop impact. Mulch also helps establish vegetation by conserving moisture and creating favorable conditions for seeds to germinate.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Mulch should be used liberally throughout construction to limit the areas that are bare and susceptible to erosion. Mulch can be used in conjunction with seeding to establish vegetation or by itself to provide erosion control when the season does not allow grass to grow. Mulch and other vegetative practices must be applied on all disturbed portions of construction-sites that will not be re-disturbed for more than 21 days.

Design Criteria

See specifications for Mulching.

Maintenance

Additional mulching is necessary to cover exposed soil conditions when observed during routine maintenance inspections.

Common Problems / Concerns

The application of synthetic binders must be conducted in such a manner as to not be introduced into watercourses.

Weather considerations must be addressed to ensure the application of synthetic binders are not washed away and introduced into watercourses.

The use of a mulch cover is not recommended for areas, which will exhibit higher velocities than 3.5 feet/second. An erosion control matting is recommended for areas which will exhibit higher velocities.

Areas which have been mulched should be inspected and maintained if necessary every 7 days or within 24 hours of a rain event greater than or equal to 0.5 inches to ensure adequate protection.

Specifications for

Mulching

1. Mulch and other appropriate vegetative practices shall be applied to disturbed areas within 7 days of grading if the area is to remain dormant (undisturbed) for more than 21 days or on areas and portions of the site which can be brought to final grade.
 2. Mulch shall consist of one of the following:
 - Straw - Straw shall be unrotted, small grain straw applied at the rate of 2 tons/ac. or 90 lb./1,000 sq. ft. (two to three bales). The straw mulch shall be spread uniformly by hand or mechanically so the soil surface is covered. For uniform distribution of hand-spread mulch, divide area into approximately 1,000 sq.ft. sections and place two 45-lb. bales of straw in each section.
 - Hydroseeders - Wood cellulose fiber should be used at 2,000 lb./ac. or 46 lb./1,000 sq. ft.
 - Other - Acceptable mulches include mulch mattings and rolled erosion control products applied according to manufacturer's recommendations or wood mulch/chips applied at 10-20 tons/ac.
3. Mulch Anchoring - Mulch shall be anchored immediately to minimize loss by wind or runoff. The following are acceptable methods for anchoring mulch.
 - Mechanical - Use a disk, crimper, or similar type tool set straight to punch or anchor the mulch material into the soil. Straw mechanically anchored shall not be finely chopped but be left generally longer than 6 inches.
 - Mulch Nettings - Use according to the manufacturer's recommendations, following all placement and anchoring requirements. Use in areas of water concentration and steep slopes to hold mulch in place.
 - Synthetic Binders - For straw mulch, synthetic binders such as Acrylic DLR (Agri-Tac), DCA-70, Pétrosel, Terra Tack or equal may be used at rates recommended by the manufacturer. All applications of Synthetic Binders must be conducted in such a manner where there is no contact with waters of the state.
 - Wood Cellulose Fiber - Wood cellulose fiber may be used for anchoring straw. The fiber binder shall be applied at a net dry weight of 750 lb./acre. The wood cellulose fiber shall be mixed with water and the mixture shall contain a maximum of 50 lb./100 gal. of wood cellulose fiber.

7.10 Permanent Seeding



Description

Perennial vegetation is established on areas that will not be re-disturbed for periods longer than 12 months. Permanent seeding includes site preparation, seedbed preparation, planting seed, mulching, irrigation and maintenance.

Permanent vegetation is used to stabilize soil, reduce erosion, prevent sediment pollution, reduce runoff by promoting infiltration, and provide stormwater quality benefits offered by dense grass cover.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Permanent seeding should be applied to:

- Any disturbed areas or portions of construction sites at final grade. Permanent seeding should not be delayed on any one portion of the site at final grade while construction on another portion of the site is being completed. Permanent seeding shall be completed in phases, if necessary.
- Areas subject to grading activities but will remain dormant for a year or more.

Planning Considerations

Vegetation controls erosion by reducing the velocity and the volume of overland flow and protects bare soil surface from raindrop impact. A healthy, dense turf promotes infiltration and reduces the amount of runoff. The establishment of quality vegetation requires selection of the right plant materials for the site, adequate soil amendments, careful seedbed preparation, and maintenance.

Soil Compaction—Storm water quality and the amount of runoff both vary significantly with soil compaction. Non-compacted soils improve stormwater infiltration by promoting:

- dense vegetative growth;
- high soil infiltration & lower runoff rates;
- pollutant filtration, deposition & absorption; and
- beneficial biologic activity in the soil.

Construction activity creates highly compacted soils that restrict water infiltration and root growth. The best time for improving soil condition is during the establishment of permanent vegetation. It is highly recommended that subsoilers, plows, or other implements are specified as part of final seedbed preparation. Use discretion in slip-prone areas.

Minimum Soil Conditions—Vegetation cannot be expected to stabilize soil that is unstable due to its texture, structure, water movement or excessively steep slope. The following minimum soil conditions are needed for the establishment and maintenance of a long-lived vegetative cover. If these conditions cannot be met, see the standards and specifications for Topsoiling.

- Soils must include enough fine-grained material to hold at least a moderate amount of available moisture.
- The soil must be free from material that is toxic or otherwise harmful to plant growth.

Design Criteria

See specifications for permanent seeding below.

Maintenance

1. Expect emergence within 4 to 28 days after seeding, with legumes typically following grasses. Check permanent seedlings within 4 to 6 weeks after planting. Look for:
 - Vigorous seedlings;
 - Uniform ground surface coverage with at least 30% growth density;
 - Uniformity with legumes and grasses well intermixed;
 - Green, not yellow, leaves. Perennials should remain green throughout the summer, at least at the plant bases.
2. Permanent seeding shall not be considered established for at least 1 full year from the time of planting. Inspect the seeding for soil erosion or plant loss during this first year. Repair bare and sparse areas. Fill gullies. Re-fertilize, re-seed, and re-mulch if required. Consider no-till planting. A minimum of 70% growth density, based on a visual inspection, must exist for an adequate permanent vegetative planting.
 - If stand is inadequate or plant cover is patchy, identify the cause of failure and take corrective action: choice of plant materials, lime and fertilizer quantities, poor seedbed preparation, or weather. If vegetation fails to grow, have the soil tested to determine whether pH is in the correct range or nutrient deficiency is a problem.
 - Depending on stand conditions, repair with complete seedbed preparation, then over-seed or re-seed.
 - If it is the wrong time of year to plant desired species, over-seed with small grain cover crop to thicken the stand until timing is right to plant perennials or use temporary seeding. See Temporary Seeding standard.

3. Satisfactory establishment may require re-fertilizing the stand in the second growing season.

- Do not fertilize cool season grasses in late May through July (i.e. Kentucky Bluegrass, Orchardgrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Smooth Brome, Fescues, Timothy, Reed Canarygrass and Garrison Grass)
- Grass that looks yellow may be nitrogen deficient. In lieu of a soil test, an application of 50 lbs. of N-P-K per acre in early spring will help cool season grasses compete against weeds or grow more successfully.
- Do not use nitrogen fertilizer if the stand contains more than 20 percent legumes.

4. Long-term maintenance fertilization rates shall be established by following soil test recommendations or by using the rates shown in Table 2.

Table 7.10.1 Maintenance for Permanent Seedings Fertilization and Mowing

Mixture	Formula	Lbs./Acre	Lbs./1,000 sq.ft.	Time	Mowing
Creeping Red Fescue	10-10-10	500	12	Fall, yearly or as needed	Not closer than 3"
Ryegrass					
Kentucky Bluegrass	10-10-10	500	12		Not closer than 4"
Tall Fescue					
Turf-type Fescue	10-10-10	500	12		
Crown Vetch Fescue	0-20-20	400	10	Spring, yearly following establishment and every 4-7 years thereafter	Do not mow
Flat Pea Fescue	0-20-20	400	10		Do not mow

Note: Following soil test recommendations is preferred to fertilizer rates shown above.

5. Consider mowing after plants reach a height of 6 to 8 inches. Mow grasses tall, at least 3 inches in height and minimize compaction during the mowing process. Vegetation on structural practices such as embankments and grass-lined channels need to be mowed only to prevent woody plants from invading the stand.

Common Problems / Concerns

- Insufficient topsoil or inadequately tilled, limed, and/or fertilized seedbed – results in poor establishment of vegetation.
- Unsuitable species or seeding mixture – results in competition with the perennials.
- Nurse crop rate too high in the mixture – results in competition with the perennials.
- Seeding done at the wrong time of year – results in poor establishment of vegetation, also plant hardiness is significantly decreased.
- Mulch rate inadequate – results in poor germination and failure.

Specifications for

Permanent Seeding

- Site Preparation**
 1. Subsoiler, plow, or other implement shall be used to reduce soil compaction and allow maximum infiltration. (Maximizing infiltration will help control both runoff rate and water quality.) Subsoiling should be done when the soil moisture is low enough to allow the soil to crack or fracture. Subsoiling shall not be done on slip-prone areas where soil preparation should be limited to what is necessary for establishing vegetation.
 2. The site shall be graded as needed to permit the use of conventional equipment for seedbed preparation and seeding.
 3. Topsoil shall be applied where needed to establish vegetation.
 - Seedbed Preparation**
 1. Lime—Agricultural ground limestone shall be applied to acid soil as recommended by a soil test. In lieu of a soil test, lime shall be applied at the rate of 100 pounds per 1,000-sq. ft. or 2 tons per acre.
 2. Fertilizer—Fertilizer shall be applied as recommended by a soil test. In place of a soil test, fertilizer shall be applied at a rate of 25 pounds per 1,000-sq. ft. or 1000 pounds per acre of a 10-10-10 or 12-12-12 analyses.
 3. The lime and fertilizer shall be worked into the soil with a disk harrow, spring-tooth harrow, or other suitable field implement to a depth of 3 inches. On sloping land, the soil shall be worked on the contour.
- From October 1 through November 20, prepare the seedbed, add the required amounts of lime and fertilizer, then mulch and anchor. After November 20, and before March 15, broadcast the selected seed mixture. Increase the seeding rates by 50% for this type of seeding.
 - From November 20 through March 15, when soil conditions permit, prepare the seedbed, lime and fertilize, apply the selected seed mixture, mulch and anchor. Increase the seeding rates by 50% for this type of seeding.
 - Apply seed uniformly with a cyclone seeder, drill, cultipacker seeder, or hydro-seeder (slurry may include seed and fertilizer) on a firm, moist seedbed.
 - Where feasible, except when a cultipacker type seeder is used, the seedbed should be firm following seeding operations with a cultipacker, roller, or light drag. On sloping land, seeding operations should be on the contour where feasible.

Mulching

1. Mulch material shall be applied immediately after seeding. Dormant seeding shall be mulched. 100% of the ground surface shall be covered with an approved material.
2. Materials
 - Straw—If straw is used it shall be unrotted small-grain straw applied at the rate of 2 tons per acre or 90 pounds (two to three bales) per 1,000-sq. ft. The mulch shall be spread uniformly by hand or mechanically applied so the soil surface is covered. For uniform distribution of hand-spread mulch, divide area into approximately 1,000-sq.-ft. sections and spread two 45-lb. bales of straw in each section.
 - Hydroseeders—If wood cellulose fiber is used, it shall be applied at 2,000 lb./ac. or 46 lb./1,000 sq. ft.
 - Other—Other acceptable mulches include rolled erosion control matings or blankets applied according to manufacturer's recommendations or wood chips applied at 6 tons per acre.

Dormant Seedings

1. Seedings should not be made from October 1 through November 20. During this period, the seeds are likely to germinate but probably will not be able to survive the winter.
2. The following methods may be used for "Dormant Seeding":
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 2. The following methods may be used for "Dormant Seeding":

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