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## Conservation Practice Overview

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### Obstruction Removal (Code 500)

Removal and disposal of buildings, structures, vegetation, debris, or other materials.

#### Practice Information

This practice applies to site conditions where obstruction removal is required to improve water quality, or facilitate other conservation practices. This practice is not intended for removal of the following:

- Obstructions from aquatic environments
- Trees, stumps, or other vegetation from wooded areas
- Underground tanks
- Unidentifiable or hazardous materials such as solvents, petroleum oils, and asbestos



#### Common Associated Practices

For removal and disposal of trees, stumps, or other vegetation from wooded areas, refer to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Land Clearing (Code 460).

For removal and disposal of obstructions from aquatic environments, refer to NRCS CPSs Clearing and Snagging (Code 326) or Aquatic Organism Passage (Code 396).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.

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