Conservation Practice Standard Overview

Obstruction Removal (500)

Obstruction removal is the disposal of unwanted, unsightly, or hazardous buildings, structures, vegetation, landscape features, trash, and other material.

Practice Information

This practice applies to disposal of all types of material that prevent or hinder installation of conservation practices or present a hazard to their use and enjoyment. The purpose of the practice is to improve site conditions in order to apply conservation practices or facilitate better use of the landscape. The site may be abandoned mine lands, construction sites, recreation areas, farms, ranches, and areas affected by natural disasters.

Obstruction removal will require maintenance over the expected life of the practice.

Common Associated Practices

Obstruction Removal (500) is commonly applied with conservation practices, such as Critical Area Planting (342), Conservation Cover (327), Access Road (560), Dust Control on Unpaved Roads and Surfaces (373), and Woody Residue Treatment (384).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.