



## Conservation Practice Overview

November 2022

### Firebreak (Code 394)

A permanent or temporary strip of ground cleared to bare soil or planted with fire-resistant vegetation meant to stop the spread of fire.

#### Practice Information

Firebreak is applied on any lands where protection from wildfire or facilitation of prescribed burning is needed. The vegetation in the firebreak should be fire-resistant and noninvasive. An alternative is to maintain the firebreak as bare ground. The firebreak must be of sufficient length and width to contain a possible fire.



Erosion control measures are incorporated into the design where firebreaks will be installed on sloping ground. Vehicle access is limited as much as possible to prevent damage to the firebreak.

#### Common Associated Practices

Firebreak (394) is commonly applied with Prescribed Burning (338) and with any conservation practice that may be treated with prescribed burning. Fuel Breaks (383) increase overall efficacy in stopping the spread of fire. Graze livestock using Prescribed Grazing (528) to manage fuels in areas not conducive to mechanical treatments.

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.