

### Definition

Clearing and Snagging is the selective removal of logs, rocks or other obstructions in natural or constructed waterways or waterbodies.

## Clearing and Snagging (326)



### Conditions:

This practice applies to any natural or improved channel where the removal of vegetation, trees, shrubs or other obstructions is necessary to achieve one or more of the purposes established in the practice standard.

### Practice Information

The purpose of the practice is to reduce risks to natural resources and infrastructure by removing obstructions to restore water flow and direction, reduce bank erosion, reduce sediment accumulation, and minimize setbacks.

The flow of a channel or body of water can be clogged or blocked by various types of obstructions. When that happens, the water flow is reduced and some or all of the obstructions must be removed selectively. Obstructions may include, but not be limited to, materials such as tree trunks and branches, garbage, construction material, metals, used tires, glass or plastic.

Special attention is given to restoring, maintaining, or improving the natural resources associated with the channel. This practice is not recommended if after careful study it is determined that the work may cause channel erosion, damage to fish or wildlife or other negative impacts. Mitigation practices could be recommended to reduce the negative impacts that may be caused downstream.



Adequate planning should incorporate measures and construction methods that improve fish and wildlife habitat, the landscape, vegetation, and other natural resources established along the channel or waterbody.

Additional information on practice design criteria and specifications is available in technical guides located at each NRCS field office.

## For More Information

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