

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

**IA-620 UNDERGROUND OUTLET**

**1. SCOPE**

This work shall consist of installation of underground outlets and any appurtenant water control structures in accordance with an approved plan and design.

**2. MATERIALS**

Materials for underground outlets shall meet the requirements as shown in the plans and specifications. They shall be field inspected for any deficiencies such as thin spots or cracking prior to installation.

**Conduit**

The following reference specifications pertain to products currently acceptable for use as underground outlets:

**Plastic**

Corrugated Polyethylene (PE) Pipe and Fittings (3-6 inch) .....	ASTM F 405
3 through 24 inch Corrugated Polyethylene (PE) Pipe and Fittings.....	ASTM F 667
Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Corrugated Sewer Pipe With a Smooth Interior and Fittings (4-36 inch) .....	ASTM F 949
Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings.....	ASTM D 2729
Type PSM Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Sewer Pipe and Fittings.....	ASTM D 3034
Poly (Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Pressure-Rated Pipe (SDR Series) .....	ASTM D 2241
Polyethylene Plastics Pipe and Fittings Materials .....	ASTM D 335

**Clay**

Clay Drain Tile .....	ASTM C 4
Vitrified Clay Pipe, Extra Strength, Standard Strength and Perforated.....	ASTM C 700
Vitrified Clay Pipe, test methods.....	ASTM C 301

**Concrete**

Concrete Drain Tile (4-36 inch).....	ASTM C 412
Concrete Pipe for Irrigation or Drainage .....	ASTM C 118
Concrete Pipe, Manhole Sections, or Tile (test methods).....	ASTM C 497
Concrete Sewer, Storm Drain and Culvert Pipe .....	ASTM C 14
Reinforced Concrete Culvert, Storm Drain and Sewer Pipe.....	ASTM C 76
Perforated Concrete Pipe .....	ASTM C 444
Portland Cement .....	ASTM C 150

**Other**

Styrene-Rubber (SR) Plastic Drain Pipe and Fittings.....	ASTM D 2852
Corrugated Aluminum Pipe for Sewers and Drains .....	ASTM B 745
Corrugated Steel Pipe, Metallic-Coated for Sewers and Drains.....	ASTM A 760

## Inlet

The inlet shall be fabricated and installed as shown on the plans. Inlets must be of durable material, structurally sound, and resistant to damage by rodents or other animals. Inlets shall be of rigid material, which does not require supplemental support to remain in a vertical position. Materials, which meet these requirements, include the following:

1. Corrugated metal pipe, galvanized or aluminum, 16 gauge minimum,
2. Smooth steel pipe, with 3/16 inch minimum wall thickness,
3. Smooth plastic pipe, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), with an SDR of 43 or less,
4. High-density polyethylene pipe (PE). Round pipe shall have an SDR of 43 or less. Square intakes shall have minimum wall thickness as shown in the following table:

<u>Nominal Size</u>	<u>Minimum Thickness</u>
6 inch	0.16 inch
8 inch	0.21 inch
10 inch	0.26 inch
12 inch	0.31 inch

All plastic and polyethylene inlets shall include ultra-violet stabilizer to protect from solar degradation.

Perforations in the inlet shall be smooth and free of burrs. Unless otherwise specified, the above ground portion of the inlet shall have holes evenly spaced around the perimeter of the inlet in accordance with the following table:

<u>Inlet Size</u>	<u>Minimum Number of 1" Diameter Holes per Foot of Inlet</u>
4 inch	20
5 inch	24
6 inch	30
8 inch	40
10 inch	50
12 inch	60

If slots or round holes other than 1 inch in diameter are provided, the total cross sectional area of the openings per foot shall be equivalent to that provided by 1 inch diameter round holes meeting the above criteria.

The below ground portion of the inlet may be perforated with holes 5/16 of an inch in diameter or less to provide drainage around the inlet.

Appurtenances (i.e. tees and elbows) for polyvinyl chloride (PVC) inlets shall be schedule 40 or heavier.

Additional subsurface drainage tubing or tile may be used in conjunction with the surface inlet to improve access and farmability around the inlet. These underground extensions (when used) shall have a minimum length of 10 feet.

The inlet shall be offset from the main conduit except as noted below. A minimum of 8 feet of non-perforated conduit shall be installed between the inlet and the main conduit. The minimum diameter of the offset line shall be 3 inches. When conduit capacity is based on orifice flow from the inlet, such inlets shall be fabricated so that an orifice can easily be installed.

Only the top inlet in a terrace system may be placed directly on the main conduit. If the top most inlet in a terrace system is placed directly on the main conduit, the conduit shall be non-perforated from the inlet to the toe of the terrace back slope.

### **Outlet**

A continuous section of non-perforated conduit at least 20 feet long shall be used at the outlet. Two-thirds of the outlet pipe shall be buried in the ditch bank, and the cantilever section must extend to the toe of the ditch side slope or the side slope shall be protected from erosion. Acceptable materials for use at the outlet include the following:

1. Corrugated metal pipe, galvanized or aluminum, 16 gauge minimum;
2. Smooth steel pipe, with 3/16 inch minimum wall thickness;
3. Smooth plastic pipe, polyvinyl chloride (PVC), with a SDR of 26 or less or schedule 40 or heavier; or
4. Corrugated profile wall (dual wall) polyethylene (PE) pipe meeting or exceeding the requirements of ASTM F 2648 (2" to 60"), ASTM F 2306 (12" to 60"). Pipe conforming to AASHTO M 252 (3" to 10"), or AASHTO M 294 (12" to 60") is acceptable.

All plastic and polyethylene pipe outlets shall include ultra-violet stabilizer. PVC and PE pipe outlets shall not be used where burning vegetation on the outlet ditch bank is likely to create a fire hazard.

Connections with the outlet pipe shall be made watertight.

The outlet shall be equipped with a flap-gate type rodent guard.

## **3. TRENCH EXCAVATION**

Trench excavation shall be sufficient to provide required cover after other construction is completed.

The trench bottom shall be smooth and free of exposed rock. If rock is encountered in the trench bottom, over-excavate the trench and place at least 6 inches of compacted earth or sand bedding in the trench to bring it up to the conduit grade. In stable soils, the bottom of the trench shall be shaped to form a semicircular, trapezoidal, or 90-degree "V" groove in its center. The groove shall be shaped to fit the size of conduit. The 90-degree "V" groove shall not be used on conduits greater than 6 inches in diameter.

Unless otherwise shown on the drawings, trench width at the top of the conduit should be the minimum required to permit installation and provide bedding conditions suitable to support the load on the conduit, but with not less than 3 inches of clearance on each side. Maximum trench width shall be the conduit diameter plus 12 inches measured at the top of the conduit, unless approved bedding is installed.

Plow installation is allowed except under the base width of the terrace or embankment. Trench width shall be at least two (2) inches wider than the conduit on each side to allow sufficient bedding to support the pipe.

## **4. INSTALLATION**

The underground outlet system shall be installed to the line and grade shown in the plans or as staked in the field. Conduit lines shall be installed and properly blinded or bedded prior to placement of any other earthfill over the lines.

Conduit lines shall be joined with standard factory couplers, if applicable, to produce a continuous system. Internal couplers may be used if they do not cause excessive flow restrictions. Conduit ends shall be protected during installation.

All appurtenant structures, including trash and rodent guards, shall be installed promptly and provisions shall be made for protecting them during installation. All conduit ends except the outlet and inlets with screens shall be capped with standard factory end caps or concrete. When corrugated plastic tubing is used, no more than 5% stretch will be allowed.

Orifice plates, when specified, shall have smooth edges and fit tightly.

## **5. TRENCH BACKFILL**

Conduits shall be bedded and backfilled throughout the base width of the basin embankment or terrace ridge. Friable soil material shall be placed in 4 inch layers and hand tamped to a depth of 2 feet above the conduit. The sides of the remaining trench shall be sloped no steeper than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical and backfill placed in 9 inch layers and machine compacted.

Water packing may be used as an alternative to mechanical compaction. If the conduit is non-perforated, it shall be filled with water during the water packing procedure. The initial backfill, before wetting, shall be of sufficient depth to ensure complete coverage of the pipe after consolidation has taken place. Water packing is accomplished by adding water in such quantity as to thoroughly saturate the initial backfill without inundation. The wetted fill shall be allowed to dry until firm before final backfill is begun. Final backfill shall be accomplished by placing friable soil material in 4 inch layers and hand tamping to a depth of 2 feet above the conduit. The sides of the remaining trench shall be sloped no steeper than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical and backfill placed in 9 inch layers and machine compacted.

Conduit which is not under the embankment or terrace ridge shall be backfilled with select bedding material containing no hard objects larger than 1½ inches in diameter to a minimum depth of 6 inches over the conduit. The conduit shall be held in place mechanically while select backfill material is placed around and over the conduit. This is to ensure that the proper conduit grade is maintained. All backfill material shall be placed so that deflection or displacement of the conduit will not occur. The remainder of the trench above the conduit shall be backfilled as rapidly as consistent with the soil conditions. Backfill shall extend above the ground surface and be well rounded over the trench. Large stones, frozen material, and large clods are not allowed in the backfill material.

## **6. FINISH**

Work areas shall be smoothed and left in a workmanlike manner. Vegetation or other protective cover shall be established as specified.

## **7. SPECIAL SPECIFICATIONS**