

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR
LAND CLEARING**

CODE 460

Name _____
Legal Desc. _____

Ident. No. _____
County _____

If properly managed, land clearing is an asset to your farm. This practice was designed and installed to allow needed land use adjustments and improvements in the interest of conservation. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be ensured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

- To reduce compaction, keep heavy equipment off of cleared areas when wet.
- Do not let the use of mechanical treatments, prescribed burning, pesticides, or other chemicals compromise the intended purpose.
- Remove non-vegetative debris that may accumulate in the cleared area.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance for satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

Specific Recommendations

General Recommendations

- Maintain vegetative cover while controlling undesirable and exotic vegetation. Select equipment sizes and capacities that will handle these tasks in a timely and economically feasible manner.
- Protect watercourses and water quality by maintaining desirable vegetation adjacent to the watercourses after land clearing.

If you need additional technical assistance to implement the operation and maintenance plan for this structure, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government).