

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS**

OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL

1. Scope

The work shall consist of the removal and disposal of all marked structures, fences, woody vegetation, rock, and other debris as shown on the drawings or as located in the field.

2. Obstruction Removal

All trees, stumps, brush, and other woody vegetation to be removed from the designated areas shall be cut within the specified maximum distance above the ground level. Root systems shall be grubbed out of the ground and disposed of when so stated. Trees shall be felled in such a manner as to avoid damage to other trees and property that are not part of the obstruction removal operations.

All rock piles, boulders, stones, fences, hedgerows, abandoned buildings and structures, trash, deposition, and similar obstructions shall be removed as described on the drawings. Structure foundations and other subsurface man-made improvements shall be removed to the extent shown.

Materials designated for salvage shall be carefully removed and stockpiled or stacked in the designated temporary locations for later removal. Fence wire to be salvaged shall be neatly rolled into uniform rolls.

All works of improvement and vegetation not to be disturbed or removed, as shown on the drawings, shall be protected from any disturbance or damage.

If herbicide treatment is planned, the stumps and brush in the specified area shall be treated at the time of clearing according to the recommendations of the manufacturer of the herbicide specified or being used.

3. Disposal of Material

All woody debris and other vegetative materials may be disposed of by burning and burying in designated disposal areas or removing to an approved landfill. Burning shall be performed according to local regulations. Material to be buried shall be compacted using available construction equipment and covered with a minimum of 1 foot of earth cover unless otherwise specified on the drawings.

All other materials from fences, abandoned buildings, or other structures including rock piles and concrete foundations shall be removed to an approved landfill for recycling or disposal. Burying of these materials on site will not be allowed.

Salvaged materials placed in temporary locations shall be removed from the work area prior to certifying that all work is complete.

4. Vegetation

When specified, a protective cover of vegetation shall be established on all exposed surfaces in accordance with [Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting](#).

Where soil or climatic conditions do not permit the establishment of vegetation and protection is needed, nonvegetative means such as mulches or gravel may be used.

5. Measurement

The amount of fence or similar structures to be removed shall be measured to the nearest linear foot. Measurement of debris areas or rock piles shall be made to determine the area cleared to the nearest square foot. Upright and other man-made structures shall be counted and certified as each.

6. Construction Details