

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION**

**SURFACE DRAIN – MAIN OR LATERAL**

**CODE 608**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

**CLEARING**

The channel area shall be cleared of trees, logs, stumps, and other materials necessary for construction. Care must be taken to protect all trees to be saved for environmental purposes. All materials shall be disposed of by an acceptable method and shown on the plans.

**EXCAVATION**

Channels shall be excavated to line and grade as shown on the plans or as staked in the field. The excavated surface shall be reasonably smooth.

Excavation activities shall be carried on in such a manner that will not restrict flow from upstream channels.

Care must be taken to reduce sediment pollution as much as practical during construction.

**SPOIL**

Spoil shall be disposed of as shown on the plans or as marked in the field. The spoil shall be graded so that runoff water is directed away from the ditch.

**STRUCTURES**

All structures and other related protection devices shall be installed as the work progresses to permit proper functioning of the ditch and to prevent environmental damage during the installation period.