

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE
Cover Crop
CODE 340

Inspections and maintenance are required to obtain the desired results of the Cover Crop practice. A maintenance program shall be followed that is consistent with the purpose of this practice, its intended life, and criteria for its design. Items to inspect and maintain during the 1 year service life of the Cover Crop practice are:

- Proper chemical and/or mechanical site preparations should be done prior to planting to ensure good soil to seed contact and minimize weed competition.
- Any use of pesticides and other chemicals shall be applied following manufacturer's recommendations and all label directions.
- Replant cover crop if more than 30% is lost due to waterfowl or wildlife browsing.
- Repair and re-seed any areas where sheet, rill, or gully erosion is occurring.
- If soil on site is compacted use a small disk or roto-tiller to loosen the soil prior to re-planting.
- Weed competition may be controlled using mowing and herbicides, however great care should be taken to minimize negative impacts to pollinator species.
- The cover crop should be terminated as late as feasible to maximize plant growth and still prepare the seedbed for the subsequent crop.

Site Specific Notes: