

**Practice:** 484 - Mulching

**Scenario:** #1 - Natural Material - Full Coverage

**Scenario Description:** Application of straw mulch or other other state approved natural material to reduce erosion and facilitate the establishment of vegetative cover. Mulch provides full coverage and is typically used with critical area planting. Assumes 125 bales/acre (3 bales/1000 sq ft)

**Before Situation:** Typical scenario ranges from a 0.1 to 1.0 acre disturbed site around a newly constructed structural practice. The potential for soil erosion is high and mulch is needed to stabilize the soil and facilitate the establishment of vegetative cover.

**After Situation:** Straw mulch has been applied to areas needing mulch. Erosion and sedimentation is reduced, water and soil quality is protected, and vegetative cover is established.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area Covered by Mulch

**Scenario Unit:** Acre

**Scenario Typical Size:** 1

**Total Scenario Cost:** \$553.30

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$553.30

**Cost Details**

Component Name	Id	Description	Unit	Cost	Qty	Total
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**Labor**

General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$22.19	10	\$221.94
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**Equipment Installation**

Truck, Pickup	939	Equipment and power unit costs. Labor not included.	Hour	\$24.13	1	\$24.13
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**Materials**

Straw	1237	Small grain straw (non organic and certified organic). Includes materials only.	Ton	\$122.89	2.5	\$307.23
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**Scenario:** #2 - Erosion Control Blanket

**Scenario Description:** Installation of erosion control blanket on critical areas with steep slopes, grassed waterways or diversions.. Blanket is typically made of coconut coir, wood fiber, straw and is typically covered on both sides with polypropylene netting. Used to help control erosion and establish vegetative cover.

**Before Situation:** There are areas of concentrated flow and a grassed waterway is being installed. Soil erosion is a concern and there is little to no vegetation.

**After Situation:** The erosion control blanket is placed on concentrated flow areas and secured with ground stables. Soil erosion is minimized and vegetative cover is established.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Area Covered by Mulch

**Scenario Unit:** Square Foot

**Scenario Typical Size:** 5000

**Total Scenario Cost:** \$867.35

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$0.17

**Cost Details**

Component Name	Id	Description	Unit	Cost	Qty	Total
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**Labor**

General Labor	231	Labor performed using basic tools such as power tool, shovels, and other tools that do not require extensive training. Ex. pipe layer, herder, concrete placement, materials spreader, flagger, etc.	Hour	\$22.19	8	\$177.55
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**Materials**

Erosion Control Blanket, biodegradable	1213	Biodegradable erosion control blanket, typically a composite of natural fibers with reinforcing polymer netting. Materials and shipping only.	Square Yard	\$1.24	556	\$689.80
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**Scenario:** #4 - Tree and Shrub

**Scenario Description:** Fabric or other suitable natural or synthetic mulch is installed with a new tree and shrub planting to facilitate growth. Rate is per tree/shrub and assumes 1 square yard of barrier fabric and 5 staples/tree.

**Before Situation:** Site conditions vary. Typical scenario is an installation of 100 native trees and shrubs to enhance wildlife habitat. Sites are often remote and trees may not be planted in rows, requiring each tree to be mulched individually

**After Situation:** Barrier fabric squares are installed with 5 sod staples each, around individual trees and shrubs to facilitate growth. Desirable vegetation is established.

**Scenario Feature Measure:** Number of Trees Mulched

**Scenario Unit:** Each

**Scenario Typical Size:** 100

**Total Scenario Cost:** \$242.89

**Scenario Cost/Unit:** \$2.43

**Cost Details**

Component Name	Id	Description	Unit	Cost	Qty	Total
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**Equipment Installation**

Geotextile, woven	42	Woven Geotextile Fabric. Includes materials, equipment and labor	Square Yard	\$2.43	100	\$242.89
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