

Mulching

Conservation Practice Job Sheet RI - 484

Owner/Operator _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ Field No. _____

Practice Specifications

-  Practice Specifications are prepared in accordance with the Rhode Island NRCS Field Office Technical Guide. Information contained in this document is considered part of the conservation plan. Use **Mulching Specification Guide (484)** with this jobsheet.

Client Name:		Farm #:	
Field(s):		Tract#:	
Planned By:		Date:	
Approved By:		Total Acres:	

Purpose: (check all that apply)	
To conserve soil moisture	To suppress weed growth
To reduce energy associated with irrigation	To facilitate the establishment of vegetation
To moderate soil temperature	To improve soil quality
To provide erosion control	To reduce airborne particulates
Other (specify):	

Definition:

Applying plant residues or other suitable materials produced off site, to the land surface.

Conditions Where Practice Applies:

This practice applies to all lands where mulches are needed. This practice may be used alone or in combination with other practices.

Purpose:

Mulching is an important process in establishing vegetation (especially cool-season grasses) on structures or other critical areas. Mulch cover will help maintain favorable moisture conditions, prevent soil erosion by water or wind, hold seed in place, and maintain cooler, more constant soil temperatures. Mulch should be applied immediately after seeding (within a few hours or less). It should be uniformly applied at the specified rate.

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Field	Treated Area (Ac)	% Groundcover Planned	Type of Mulch ¹	Rate of Application ¹	Anchoring Method ¹	Date

1/ Use Mulching Specification Guide for table above and provide guide to landowner.

Operation/Management and Maintenance:

Mulched areas will be periodically inspected, and mulch shall be reinstalled or repaired as needed to accomplish the intended purpose.

Evaluate the effectiveness of the mulch (application, amount of cover provided, durability, etc.) and adjust the management or type of mulch to better meet the intended purpose(s).

Removal or incorporation of mulch materials shall be consistent with the intended purpose and site conditions.

Operation of equipment near and on the site shall not compromise the intended purpose of the mulch.

Prevent or repair any fire damage to the mulch material.

Properly collect and dispose of artificial mulch material after intended use.

Monitor and control undesirable weeds in mulched areas.

Additional Specifications and Notes:

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Practice Installation Guidelines

It shall be the responsibility of the landowner to obtain all necessary permits and/or rights, and to comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to this installation.

Practice designs and specifications shall be reviewed by NRCS planner with the landowner prior to start of work for practice installation.

Contact the NRCS planner _____ at 401- _____ prior to installation. Keep NRCS planner updated throughout the installation process. Emergency # (401) 828-1300

Contact the NRCS planner _____ at 401- _____ upon completion of practice. Emergency # (401) 828-1300

Practice specifications and special requirements

Installation shall be in accordance with the following specifications and special requirements.
NO CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE IN THE DRAWINGS OR SPECIFICATIONS WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE NRCS.

1. Use Practice Specifications: **Mulching specifications guide**

The landowner/operator acknowledges that:

- A) He/she has received a copy of the practice specifications, and Operation and Maintenance plan, and that he/she has an understanding of the contents and the requirements.
- B) He/she has or will obtain all of the necessary permits prior to construction.
- C) No changes will be made in the installation of the job without prior concurrence of the NRCS technician.
- D) This practice has a lifespan of 1 year.
- E) Adherence to the Operation and Maintenance plan of the installed work is necessary for proper performance during the practice lifespan.
- F) NRCS planner shall be contacted prior to installation for a review of the practice installation and at completion for practice certification.

Accepted by : _____

Date: _____

Address : _____

Practice design approval

Lead Discipline for this practice: **Ecological Sciences Division**

Job Classification:

_____ No design changes were made. _____ Design changes were approved and are included

Design approved by: _____

Date: _____

Practice certification

I have made an on-site inspection and have determined that the practice has been installed according to practice standard and specifications. The practice as-built has been appropriately completed on Conservation Practice Map included in job sheet.

Amount Installed: _____

Certified By: _____

Date: _____