

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
UNDERGROUND OUTLET
CODE 620**

Landowner/Operator _____

Job Location _____ GPS _____

Prepared By _____ Date _____

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service assistance. The land user is responsible for proper O&M throughout the life of the practice and as may be required by federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items for this practice include:

- Inspect connections, inlets, outlets, and other appurtenances to be sure they are functioning properly. Make needed repairs.
- Maintain design depth of cover on buried pipelines and structures.
- Avoid operation of tillage and subsoiling equipment where the equipment may damage any component of the system.
- Limit traffic over the pipeline to designated sections that were designed for traffic loads.
- Remove debris that may interfere with system operation.
- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetation. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing or short-term grazing may also be needed to control growth.
- Remove rodents or burrowing animals that have or may damage the system. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage.

Other _____
