

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS  
Texas**

**OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL  
(Acre or Linear Foot)  
Code 500**

**1. SCOPE**

Removal and disposal of buildings, structures, vegetation, fences, landscape features (rocks-boulders) and other materials that interfere with the installation of the planned conservation practice.

**Hazardous waste will not be addressed with this practice. Contact Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for Guidance concerning hazardous wastes**

**2. LOCATION**

The affected area shall be located as shown on the drawings/map or as staked in the field.

**3. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE UTILITIES**

Utilities are defined to be overhead and underground power or communication lines, and pipelines. The contractor should conduct their own search and discovery for utilities in order to lessen or avoid potential damages. The owner/operator shall complete TX-ENG-80A, Utilities Inventory, during planning and return it to the NRCS representative. The owner/operator shall also ensure that TX-ENG-80B, Cooperator Confirmation of the One-Call Utility Safety System is completed and returned to the NRCS representative prior to layout or any ground disturbance.

**4. QUALITY CONTROL**

Quality control of all materials and construction procedures is the responsibility of the landowner and contractor. NRCS will make periodic review(s) of the work for the benefit of the Agency which will include the final construction check.

**5. REMOVAL and DISPOSAL**

This item shall consist of clearing the planned materials on site necessary to complete the work as need for the installation of a proposed conservation practice or materials designated on plan map or staked in the field.

The cleared material can be burned, buried or removed from the site or disposed of at a locations selected by the landowner and/or contractor and approved by NRCS. The landowner and/or contractor is responsible for complying with all federal, state and local rules and regulations and the payment of any and all fees that may result from disposal at locations away from the project site.

**A. Burning**

a. Comply with any local burn ban in effect.

b. On-site burning only– Trees, brush, grass, leaves, branch trimmings, or other plant growth may be burned on the property on which the material grew. Additional requirements and restrictions may apply depending on the attainment status of the county where the burning takes place. A counties status of attainment or nonattainment will be determined by contacting the regional TCEQ office for the area.

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## 1. Nonattainment counties and some attainment counties

i. Burning of waste plant growth is allowed only if the material was generated as a result of right-of-way maintenance, land clearing, or maintenance along water canals. Burning in these areas is allowed only when no practical alternative exists. Burning carried out under this exception must conform to all the general requirements for outdoor burning Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Section 111.

## 2. Attainment counties

i. Burning of waste plant growth is allowed regardless of the activity that generated the material. Practical alternatives need not be considered. Burning carried out under this exception must conform to some of the general requirements for outdoor burning; specifically the burning must conform to the requirements in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Section 111.219(3, 4, 6, 7). Such burning is also subject to local ordinances which prohibit burning in the corporate limits of a city or town. **Some attainment counties are treated as nonattainment counties for the purposes of this exception.**

c. Any materials other than wood or plant growth shall be removed before burning.

d. Heavy oils, asphaltic materials, items containing natural or synthetic rubber or any materials other than wood or plant growth shall not be burned.

B. Burying

Stumps and other debris left from burning can be buried in the NRCS approved area. Any on-site burial locations are required to meet all Federal, State or Local requirements. Buried materials shall be covered with a minimum of two (2) feet of soil. The surface of the burial area shall be crowned in the middle and smoothed to blend with the surrounding topography and re-vegetated.

C. Removal/Hauling

a. Material removed from the site shall be transported to an approved landfill in an environmentally acceptable manner.

b. Any material removed from the site for disposal to an approved landfill will require documentation from the disposal facility.

6. **MEASUREMENT**

Method 1— The cleared area is measured to the nearest 0.1 acre. Payment for clearing is made for the total area within the designated limits. Such payment will constitute full compensation for all labor, equipment, tools, and all other items necessary and incidental to the completion of the work.

Method 2— The length of the cleared area is measured to the nearest full foot along the line designated on the drawing/map, flagged in the field or identified in the specifications. Payment for clearing is made for the total length within the designated limits. Such payment will constitute full compensation for all labor, equipment, tools, and all other items necessary and incidental to the completion of the work.

Payment Method : \_\_\_\_\_

Method 1: Estimated Area to be cleared:

Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft) X Width \_\_\_\_\_ (ft) / 43560 ft<sup>2</sup> = Area \_\_\_\_\_ (acres)

Method 2: Estimated Length to be cleared: Length \_\_\_\_\_ (ft)

**7. CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. TX-ENG-80B, Cooperator Confirmation of the One-Call Utility Safety System
2. NRCS Conservation Plan Map

**This construction specification, attached construction details, and the requirement for completion of a TX-EN-80B have been reviewed with me and I agree to install this practice according to these construction specifications.**

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**Owner/ Operator**

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**Date**

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