

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
_____, TEXAS

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
FILTER STRIP

Sponsor/Land user: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Legal description of practice location: SEC _____ T _____ R _____

A properly operated and maintained filter strip is an asset to your farm. This filter strip was designed and installed to prevent contaminated runoff water from entering watercourses. The estimated life span of this system is at least 10 years. The life of this system can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Maintain vigorous growth of desirable vegetative coverings. This includes reseeding, fertilization, and controlled application of herbicides when necessary. Periodic mowing may also be needed to control height.
- Repair any erosion damage and divert all runoff until vegetation is established.
- Limit livestock usage to vegetative growth periods.
- If fences are installed, they shall be maintained to provide warning and/or prevent unauthorized human or livestock entry.
- Limit traffic and do not use as a roadway.
- Eradicate or otherwise remove all rodents or burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Apply insecticides for insect control as per the manufactures recommendations and precautions, as needed.

