

## Tree/Shrub Site Preparation

### Virginia Conservation Practice Job Sheet

490



#### Definition

Treatment of areas to improve site conditions for establishing trees and/or shrubs.

#### Criteria

This practice is applicable to cutover forest land, pasture land, hay land, crop land, fallow land, or any other land suitable for tree/shrub growth.

Match the method, intensity and timing of site preparation to the limitations of the site, equipment, and the requirements for establishing the desired woody species.

Choose an appropriate site preparation method, chemical, mechanical, or other to achieve the intended purpose and to protect sensitive areas and site and soil conditions. Use other complementary practices and measures as necessary to control erosion, runoff, compaction and displacement to acceptable levels.

Remove, treat or eliminate slash and debris as appropriate.

Do not create habitat for harmful levels of pests in the remaining slash and debris.

Do not hinder needed equipment operations or create an undue fire hazard with the remaining slash and debris. Refer to the Virginia Practice Standard *Prescribed Burning (Code 338)* for slash and debris that will be burned.

Implement measures, including the use of equipment, to control or protect against locally invasive and noxious species that may arise from site preparation activities. If chemical herbicides or pesticides are used, follow all instructions for the particular chemical as specified on the specific chemical label and outlined in the current Virginia Pest Management Guide.

**Note: This summary does not address all requirements and considerations in the VA Tree/Shrub Site Preparation Conservation Practice Standard (VA-490). Consult the Conservation Practice Standard for further details.**

Producer \_\_\_\_\_ Farm # \_\_\_\_\_ Tract # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Office \_\_\_\_\_ Contract # \_\_\_\_\_

**Producer's Purpose**

- Encourage natural regeneration of desirable woody plants
- Permit artificial establishment of woody plants

**Practice Specifications**

**Method:** (Check all that apply)

- Mechanical Site Prep (Shearing, Root Raking, Drum Chopping, Disking, Bedding, Sub-soiling and Ripping, Scalping)
- Chemical Site Prep (Foliar Spray, Soil Application, Single Stem Treatments)
- \*Site Prep Burn (Prescribed Burn)

\*If Prescribed Burn is planned, the burn should be conducted according to a plan prepared by a Certified Prescribed Burning Manager. Follow Virginia Conservation Practice Standard *Prescribed Burning* (Code 338).

- Forestry plan attached
- Forestry map attached

**Amount:**

Stand/Field #				
Mechanical Site Prep (ac)				
Chemical Site Prep (ac)				
Site Prep Burn (ac)				
Species to be Established				
Site Index				
Soil Type(s)				

Comments or additional installation instructions:

**Planner Certification**

The Tree/Shrub Site Preparation practice planned in this job sheet fulfills minimum requirements of Virginia NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 490.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Title Date

**Certification of Practice Completion**

The Tree/Shrub Site Preparation practice planned in this job sheet has been completed and maintained according to Virginia NRCS specifications (indicate in Practice Specifications any changes to the planned activities and acreage).

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 Signature Title Date

