

## 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.

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).

<b>Amount:</b>		
	Stand/Field #	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**

This Tree/Shrub Site Preparation plan meets the requirements of NRCS Conservation Practice Standard (490).

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

**Certification of Practice Completion**

This Tree/Shrub Site Preparation practice has been completed and has been or will be followed by a Tree/Shrub Establishment practice according to NRCS plans and specifications. (Indicate in Practice Specifications if there were any changes to the planned practice and acreage.)

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

If needed, an aerial view or a side view of the practice can be shown below. Other relevant information, complementary practices and measures, and additional specifications may be included.

Scale 1"= \_\_\_\_ ft. (NA indicates sketch not to scale: grid size=1/2 " by 1/2")


**Additional Specifications and Notes:**

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