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REQUIREMENT FOR REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Mulch or temporary grassing shall be applied to all exposed areas within 14 days of disturbance. Mulch can be used as a singular erosion control device for up to 6 months, but it shall be applied at the appropriate depth, depending on the material used, anchored and have a continuous 90% cover or greater of the soil surface.

Maintenance shall be required to maintain appropriate depth and 90% cover. Temporary vegetation may be employed instead of mulch if the area will remain undisturbed for less than 6 months.

If any area will remain undisturbed for greater than 6 months, permanent vegetative techniques shall be employed. Refer to **Ds2 -Disturbed Area Stabilization (With Temporary Seeding)**, **Ds3 - Disturbed Area Stabilization (With Permanent Seeding)**, and **Dd4 - Disturbed Area Stabilization (With Sodding).**

SPECIFICATIONS (Mulching Without Seeding)

Mulch materials applied to graded or cleared areas where seedlings may not have a suitable growing season to produce an erosion retardant cover, but can be stabilized with a mulch cover.

Site Preparation

1. Grade to permit the use of equipment for applying and anchoring mulch.
2. Install needed erosion and sediment measures as required such as dikes, diversions, berms, terraces and sediment barriers.
3. Loosen compact soil in a minimum depth of 3" ;

Mulching Materials (select one of the following materials and apply at the depth indicated)

1. Dry straw or hay shall be applied at a depth of 2"± 4" providing complete soil coverage. One advantage of this material is easy application.
2. Wood waste (chips, sawdust or bark) shall be applied at a depth of 2" to 3". Organic material from the clearing stage of development should remain on site, be chipped, and applied as mulch. This method of mulching can greatly reduce erosion control costs.
3. Polyethylene film shall be secured over banks or stockpiled soil material for temporary protection. This material can be salvaged and re-used.

Applying Mulch (when mulch is used without seeding, mulch shall be applied to provide full coverage of the exposed area.)

1. Dry straw or hay mulch and wood chips shall be applied uniformly by hand or by mechanical equipment.
2. If the area will eventually be covered with perennial vegetation, 20-30 pounds of nitrogen per acre in addition to the normal amount shall be applied to offset the uptake of nitrogen caused by the decomposition of the organic mulches.
3. Apply polyethylene film on exposed areas.

Anchoring Mulch

1. Straw or hay mulch can be pressed into the soil with a disk harrow with the disk set straight or with a special "packer disk." Disks may be smooth or serrated and should be 20" or more in diameter and 8" to 12" apart. The edges of the disk should be dull enough not to cut the mulch but to press it into the soil leaving much of it in an erect position. Straw or hay mulch shall be anchored immediately after application.
2. Netting of the appropriate size shall be used to anchor wood waste. Openings of the netting shall not be larger than the average size of the wood waste chips.
3. Polyethylene film shall be anchor trenched at the top as well as incrementally as necessary.

DISTURBED AREA STABILIZATION (WITH MULCHING ONLY) - (Ds1)

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Table 6-4.1 - Temporary Cover or Companion Cover Crops

PLANT, PLANTING RATE, AND PLANTING DATE FOR TEMPORARY COVER OR COMPANION CROPS[1]

SPECIES	BROADCAST RATES	RESOURCE AREA[2]	PLANTING DATES BY RESOURCE AREA (**SOLID** lines indicate optimum dates, **DOTTED** lines indicate permissible, but marginal dates) J F M A M J J A S O N D	REMARKS
BARLEY *Hordeum vulgare*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	3 bu. (144 lbs) / 3.3 lbs	M - L		14,000 seed per pound. Winter hardy. Use on productive soils.
in mixture	½ bu. (24 lbs) / 0.6 lb	P C		
LESPEDEZA, ANNUAL *Lespedeza striata*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	40 lbs / 0.9 lb	M - L P C		200,000 seed per pound. May volunteer for several years. Use inoculant EL.
in mixture	10 lbs / 0.2 lb			
LOVEGRASS, WEEPING *Eragrostis curvula*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	4 lbs / 0.1 lb	M - L P C		1,500,000 seed per pound. May test for several years. Mix with Sericea lespedeza.
in mixture	2 lbs			
MILLET, BROWNTOP *Panicum fasciculatum*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	40 lbs / 0.9 lb	M - L P C		137,000 seed per pound. Quick dense cover. Will provide excessive competition in mixtures if seeded at high rate.
in mixture	10 lbs / 0.2 lb			
MILLET, PEARL *Pennesetum glaucum*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	50 lbs / 1.1 lbs	M - L P C		88,000 seed per pound. Quick dense cover. Will reach 2' in height. Not recommended for mixtures.
OATS *Avena sativa*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	4 bu. (128 lbs) / 2.9 lbs	M - L P C		13,000 seed per pound. Use on productive soils. Not as a winter hardy as rye or barley.
in mixture	1 bu. (32 lbs) / 0.7 lb			
RYE *Secale cereale*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	3 bu. (168 lbs) / 3.8 lbs	M - L P C		18,000 seed per pound. Quick cover. Drought tolerant and winter hardy.
in mixture	½ bu. (28 lbs) / 0.6 lb			
RYEGRASS, ANNUAL *Lolium temulentum*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	40 lbs / 0.9 lb	M - L P C		227,000 seed per pound. Dense cover. Very competitive and is not to be used in mixtures.
SUDANGRASS *Sorghum sudanese*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	60 lbs / 1.4 lbs	M - L P C		55,000 seed per pound. Good on droughty sites. Not recommended for mixtures.
TRITICALE *X-Triticosecale*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	3 bu. (144 lbs) / 3.3 lbs	C		Use on lower part of Southern Coastal Plain and in Atlantic Coastal Flatwoods only.
in mixture	½ bu. (36 lbs) / 0.8 lb			
WHEAT *Triticum aestivum*	Rate Per Acre[3] Pure Live Seed[4] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	3 bu. (180 lbs) / 4.1 lbs	M - L P C		15,000 seed per pound. Winter hardy.
in mixture	½ bu. (30 lbs) / 0.7 lb			

[1] Temporary cover crops are very competitive and will crowd out perennials if seeded too heavily

[2] Reduce seeding rates by 50% when drilled.

[3] **M-L** represents the Mountain; Blue Ridge; and Ridges and Valleys MLRAs*; **P** represents the Southern Piedmont MLRA* C represents Southern Coastal Plain; Sand Hills; Black Lands; and Atlantic Coast Flatwoods MLRAs*

* Refer to Georgia Major Land Resource Areas Map

[4] PLS is an abbreviation for Pure Live Seed. Refer to Section V.E. of these specifications.

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Mulch or temporary grassing shall be applied to all exposed areas within 14 days of disturbance. Temporary grassing, instead of mulch, can be applied to tough graded areas that will be exposed for less than 6 months. If an area is expected to be undisturbed for longer than 6 months, permanent perennial vegetation shall be used. If optimum planting conditions for temporary grassing is lacking, mulch can be used as a singular erosion control device for up to 6 months but it shall be applied at the appropriate depth, anchored, and have a continuous 90% cover or greater of the soil surface. Refer to specification **Ds1-Disturbed Area Stabilization (With Temporary Seeding).**

CONDITIONS

Temporary vegetative measures should be coordinated with permanent measures to assure economical and effective stabilization. Most types of temporary vegetation are ideal to use as companion crops until the permanent vegetation is established. Note: Some species of temporary vegetation are not appropriate for companion crop plantings because of their potential to out-compete the desired species (e.g., annual ryegrass).

Contact NRCS or the local SWCD for more information.

SPECIFICATIONS

Grading and Shaping

Excessive water runoff shall be reduced by properly designed and installed erosion control practices such as sloped drains, ditches, dikes, diversions, sediment barriers and others. No shaping or grading is required if slopes can be stabilized by hand-seeded vegetation or if hydraulic seeding equipment is to be used.

Seedbed Preparation

When a hydraulic seeder is used, seedbed preparation is not required. When using conventional or hand-seeding, seedbed preparation is not required if the soil material is loose and not sealed by rainfall. When soil has been sealed by rainfall or consists of smooth cut slopes, the soil shall be pitted, trenched or otherwise scarified to provide a place for seed to lodge and germinate.

Lime and Fertilizer

Agricultural lime is required unless soil tests indicate otherwise. Apply agricultural lime at a rate determined by soil test for pH. Quick acting lime should be incorporated to modify pH during the germination period. Bio stimulants should also be considered when there is less than 3% organic matter in the soil. Graded areas require lime application. Soils must be tested to determine required amounts of fertilizer and amendments. Fertilizer should be applied before hydraulic seeding or incorporated with a disk, ripper, or chisel. On slopes too steep for, or inaccessible to equipment, fertilizer shall be hydraulically applied, preferably in the first pass with seed and some hydraulic mulch, then topped with the remaining hydraulic application mix.

Seeding

Select a grass or grass-legume mixture suitable to the area and season of the year. Seed shall be applied uniformly by hand, cyclone seeder, drill, cultipacker-seeder, or hydraulic seeder (slurry including seed and fertilizer). Drill or cultipacker seeders should normally place seed 0" to ½" deep. Appropriate depth of planting is the same depth as the grain diameter. Soil should be "raked" lightly to cover seed with soil if seeded by hand. See **Table 6-4.1 - Temporary Cover or Companion Seeding**.

Mulching

Temporary vegetation can, in most cases, be established without the use of mulch, provided there is little to no erosion potential. However, the use of mulch can often accelerate and enhance germination and establishment. Mulch without seed establishment. Mulch without seeding should be considered for short term protection. Refer to **Ds1 - Disturbed Area Stabilization (With Mulching Only).**

Irrigation

During times of drought, water shall be applied at a rate not causing runoff and erosion. The soil shall be thoroughly wetted to a depth that will insure germination of the seed. Subsequent applications should be made when needed.

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Table 6-5.2- Permanent Cover Crops

PLANT, PLANTING RATE, AND PLANTING DATE FOR PERMANENT COVER

SPECIES	BROADCAST RATES	RESOURCE AREA[1]	PLANTING DATES BY RESOURCE AREA (SOLID lines indicate optimum dates, DOTTED lines indicate permissible, but marginal dates) J F M A M J J A S O N D	REMARKS
BAHA, PENSACOLA *Paspalum notatum*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone or with temporary cover	60 lbs / 1.4 lbs	P C		188,000 seed per pound. Low growing. Sod forming. Slow to establish. Plant with a companion crop. Will spread into Bermuda pastures and lawns. Mix with Sericea lespedeza or weeping lovegrass.
with other perennials	30 lbs / 0.7 lb			
BAHA, WILMINGTON *Paspalum notatum*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone or with temporary cover	60 lbs / 1.4 lbs	M - L P C		188,000 seed per pound. Low growing. Sod forming. Slow to establish. Plant with a companion crop. Will spread into Bermuda pastures and lawns. Mix with Sericea lespedeza or weeping lovegrass.
with other perennials	30 lbs / 0.7 lb			
BERMUDA, COMMON *Cynodon dactylon*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
Hulled seed alone	10 lbs / 0.2 lb	P C		1,787,000 seed per pound. Quick cover. Low growing and sod forming. Full sun. Good for athletic fields.
with other perennials	6 lbs / 0.7 lb			
BERMUDA, COMMON *Cynodon dactylon*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
Unhulled seed with temporary cover	10 lbs / 0.2 lb	P C		Plant with winter annuals.
with other perennials	6 lbs / 0.1 lb			Plant with Tall Fescue
BERMUDA SPRIGS *Cynodon dactylon*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
Coastal, Common, Midland, or Tifton 44	40 ccu. ft. or sod plugs 3' x3'	M - L P C		Cubic foot = approx. 600 sprigs. A bushel contains 1.25 cubic feet or approx. 800 sprigs.
Coastal, Common, or Tifton 44	0.9 cu. ft.			
Tifton 78				Southern Coastal Plain only
CENTIPEDE *Eremochloa ophuroides*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
Block sod only		P C		Drought tolerant. Full sun or partial shade. Effective adjacent to concrete flatwork. Do not overwater. Irrigation is needed until fully established. Winter hardy in southern Georgia. Mow regularly to keep at 2" to 3" height. Mix with Centipede and Bahia
CROWNVETCH *Coronilla varia*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
with winter annuals or cool season grasses	15 lbs / 0.3 lb	M - L P C		100,000 seed per pound. Dense growth. Drought tolerant. Winter hardy. Attractive rose, pink and white blossoms during late May. Mix with 20 lbs of Tall Fescue or 15 lbs of Annual Ryegrass per acre for mountains. Use from North Atlanta area northward.
FESCUE, TALL *Festuca arundinacea*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	50 lbs / 1.1 lbs	M - L P C		227,000 seed per pound. Use alone or with winter vetch. Mix with perennial lespedeza or Crownvetch. Adds hardiness in winter and fall plantings. Not for heavy use areas or athletic fields.
with other perennials	30 lbs / 0.7 lb			
LESPEDEZA SERICEA *Lespedeza cuneata*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
scarified	60 lbs / 1.4 lbs	M - L P C		300,000 seed per pound. Widely adapted, Low maintenance. Mix with Weeping lovegrass, Common bermuda, or tall fescue. Takes 2-3 years to become established. Inoculate seed with EL inoculate.
unscarified	75 lbs / 1.7 lbs	M - L P C		Mix with Tall fescue or winter annuals.
seed-bearing hay	3 tons / 1338 lbs	M - L P C		Cut when seed mixture is mature, but before, it shatters. Add Tall fescue or winter annuals.
LESPEDEZA *Ambro virgata Lespedeza virgata DC or Appalow Lespedeza cuneata (Dumont) G. Don)*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
scarified	60 lbs / 1.4 lbs	M - L P C		300,000 seed per pound. Height of growth is 18"-24". Advantageous in short areas. Spreads/grows growth. Mix with weeping lovegrass, common bermuda, tall fescue, Does not do well in Service lespedeza. Mow to develop solid stands. Inoculate seed with EL inoculate.
unscarified	75 lbs / 1.7 lbs	M - L P C		
LESPEDEZA, SHRUB *Lespedeza bicolor Lespedeza thunbergii*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
plants	3'x3'	M - L P C		Provide wildlife food and cover.
LOVEGRASS, WEEPING *Eragrostis curvula*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	4 lbs	M - L P C		1,500,000 seed per pound. Quick cover. Drought tolerant. Grows well with Sericea lespedeza on roadbanks.
with other perennials	2 lbs			
MAIDENCANE *Panicum hemitomon*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
sprigs	2'x3' spacing	ALL		For very wet sites. May clog channels, but is very desirable for use along river banks and shorelines.
PANGPARA, ATLANTIC COASTAL *Panicum amarum var amarulum*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
	20 lbs	P C		Grows well on coastal sand dunes, dune areas, and graveyards. Provides cover for wildlife. Mix with Service lespedeza except on sand dunes.
	0.5 lb			
REED CANARY GRASS *Phalaris arundinacea*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	50 lbs	M - L P C		Grows similar to Tall fescue
with other perennials	30 lbs			
SUNFLOWER, 'AZTEC' MAXIMILIAN *Helianthus maximilian*	Rate Per Acre[2] Pure Live Seed[3] Per 1000 sq.ft.			
alone	10 lbs	M - L P C		227,000 seed per pound. Mix with Weeping lovegrass or other low-growing grasses or legumes.
with other perennials	0.2 lb			

[1] Other trees and shrubs listed on Table 6-25.3 may be interplanted with the pines for improved wildlife benefits.

[2] **Type of Planting** — **Tree Spacing** — **No. of Trees per Acre**

Trees Alone — 6' x 4' — 2,722

Trees in Combination w/ grasses and/or other plants — 6' x 6' — 1,210

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[4] Fertilization of companion crop is ample for this species.

Table 6-5.1. Fertilizer Requirements

TYPE OF SPECIES	YEAR	ANALYSIS OR EQUIVALENT N-P-K	RATE	N TOP DRESSING
1. Cool Season Grasses	First	6-12-12	1500 lbs./ac.	50-100 lbs./ac. 1/
	Second	6-12-12	1000 lbs./ac.	
	Maintenance	10-10-10	400 lbs./ac.	
2. Cool Season Grasses and Legumes	First	6-12-12	1500 lbs./ac.	0-50 lbs./ac. 1/
	Second	0-10-10	1000 lbs./ac.	—
	Maintenance	10-10-10	400 lbs./ac.	—
3. Ground Covers	First	10-10-10	1300 lbs./ac. 3/	—
	Second	10-10-10	1300 lbs./ac. 3/	—
	Maintenance	10-10-10	1100 lbs./ac.	—
4. Fire Seedings	First	20-10-5	mix legumes with seeding/ac. seeding placed in the clean straw	—
5. Shrub Lespedeza	First	0-10-10	700 lbs./ac.	—
	Maintenance	0-10-10	700 lbs./ac. 4/	—
6. Temporary cover crops seeded alone	First	10-10-10	500 lbs./ac.	30 lbs./ac. 5/
7. Warm Season Grasses	First	6-12-12	1500 lbs./ac.	50-100 lbs./ac. 2/6/
	Second	6-12-12	800 lbs./ac.	50-100 lbs./ac. 2/
	Maintenance	10-10-10	400 lbs./ac.	30 lbs./ac.
8. Warm Season Grasses & Legumes	First	6-12-12	1500 lbs./ac.	50 lbs./ac./6/
	Second	0-10-10	1000 lbs./ac.	—
	Maintenance	0-10-10	400 lbs./ac.	—

1/ Apply in spring following seeding.
2/ Apply in split applications when high rates are used.
3/ Apply in 3 split applications.
4/ Apply when plants are pruned.
5/ Apply to grass species only.
6/ Apply when plants grow to a height of 2" to 4".

Table 6-5.3, Durable Shrubs and Ground Covers for Permanent Cover

Ground covers include a wide range of low-growing plants planted together to provide a uniform, dense cover of foliage and roots. Ground covers are usually established in combinations to cover large areas of the landscape. Ground covers are usually established in combinations to cover large areas of the landscape. Ground covers are usually established in combinations to cover large areas of the landscape