

WISCONSIN CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION

1. CLEARING

1. SCOPE

The work shall consist of the clearing and disposal of trees, snags, logs, brush, shrubs, stumps, and rubbish from the designated areas.

2. MARKING

The limits of the areas to be cleared will be marked by means of stakes, flags, tree markings, or other suitable methods. Trees to be left standing and uninjured will be designated by special markings placed on the trunks at a height of about 6 feet above the ground surface.

3. PROTECTION OF EXISTING VEGETATION

Trees and other woody vegetation designated to remain undisturbed shall be protected from damage throughout the entire construction period. Any damage resulting from the Contractor's operations or neglect shall be repaired by the Contractor.

Earthfill, stockpiling of materials, vehicular parking, and excessive foot or vehicular traffic shall not be allowed within the dripline of vegetation designated to remain in place. Vegetation damaged by any of these or similar actions shall be replaced with viable vegetation of the same species.

Any cuts, skins, scrapes, or bruises to the bark of the vegetation shall be carefully trimmed and local nursery accepted procedures used to seal damaged bark.

Any limbs or branches 0.5-inch or larger in diameter that are broken, severed, or otherwise seriously damaged during construction shall be cut off at the base of the damaged limb or branch flush with the adjacent limb or tree trunk.

All roots 1 inch or larger in diameter that are cut, broken, or otherwise severed during construction operations shall have the end smoothly cut perpendicular to the root. Roots exposed during excavation or other operations shall be covered with moist earth and/or backfilled as soon as possible to prevent them from drying.

4. CLEARING

Trees, brush, shrubs, stumps, and other woody growth shall be cleared to a height not exceeding 12 inches above the ground surface. Such growth may be cleared by cutting, pulling, grubbing, or other approved methods.

Trees shall be felled in such a manner as to avoid damage to trees that are to be left standing, existing structures, utilities, and with regard for the safety of persons.

When the designated areas to be cleared include borrow areas and/or areas upon which improvements are to be constructed, the required grubbing of stumps, roots, and other objectionable material in these areas shall be a part of this specification. The grubbing shall consist of the removal of all stumps, roots of 1 inch in diameter or larger, buried logs, and other objectionable material to a minimum depth of 2 feet below a structure subgrade and 1 foot below an embankment foundation.

5. SITE EROSION CONTROL

Measures shall be installed, or the work performed in a manner that will minimize site erosion, and the production of sediment. Protective measures shall include but are not limited to diversions, waterways, seeding, mulching, sediment basins, and silt fences.

6. DISPOSAL

All materials cleared from the designated areas shall be burned or buried at approved locations or otherwise removed from the site. Buried materials shall be covered with a minimum of 2 feet of earthfill (including any topsoil added for seeding).

The Contractor is responsible for complying with all rules and regulations for disposal at locations away from the construction site or for the burning of cleared materials.