

STANDARD AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR TEMPORARY SWALE



	<u>Swale A</u>	<u>Swale B</u>
Drainage Area	<5 Ac	5-10 Ac
Bottom Width of Flow Channel	4 ft	6 ft
Depth of Flow Channel	1 ft	1 ft
Side Slopes	2:1 or flatter	2:1 or flatter
Grade	0.5% Min. 20% Max.	0.5% Min. 20% Max.

For drainage areas larger than 10 acres, refer to the Standard and Specification for Waterways on page 5B.11.

Stabilization

Stabilization of the swale shall be completed within 7 days of installation in accordance with the appropriate standard and specifications for vegetative stabilization or stabilization with mulch as determined by the time of year. The flow channel shall be stabilized as per the following criteria:

Type of <u>Treatment</u>	Channel <u>Grade</u> ¹	<u>Flow Channel</u>	
		<u>A (<5 Ac.)</u>	<u>B (5-10 Ac)</u>
1	0.5-3.0%	Seed & Straw Mulch	Seed & Straw Mulch
2	3.1-5.0%	Seed & Straw Mulch	Seed and cover with RECP, Sod, or lined with plastic or 2 in. stone
3	5.1-8.0%	Seed and cover with RECP, Sod, or line with plastic or 2 in. stone	Line with 4-8 in. or stone or Recycled Concrete Equivalent ² or geotextile
4	8.1-20%	Line with 4-8 in. stone or Recycled Concrete Equivalent ² or geotextile	Site Specific Engineering Design

Definition

A temporary excavated drainage way.

Purpose

The purpose of a temporary swale is to prevent runoff from entering disturbed areas by intercepting and diverting it to a stabilized outlet or to intercept sediment laden water and divert it to a sediment trapping device.

Conditions Where Practice Applies

Temporary swales are constructed:

1. to divert flows from entering a disturbed area.
2. intermittently across disturbed areas to shorten overland flow distances.
3. to direct sediment laden water along the base of slopes to a trapping device.
4. to transport offsite flows across disturbed areas such as rights-of-way.

Swales collecting runoff from disturbed areas shall remain in place until the disturbed areas are permanently stabilized.

Design Criteria

See Figure 5A.2 on page 5A.5 for details.

¹ In highly erodible soils, as defined by the local approving agency, refer to the next higher slope grade for type of stabilization.

² Recycled Concrete Equivalent shall be concrete broken into the required size, and shall contain no steel reinforcement.

Outlet

Swale shall have an outlet that functions with a minimum of erosion, and dissipates runoff velocity prior to discharge off the site.

Runoff shall be conveyed to a sediment trapping device such as a sediment trap or sediment basin until the drainage area above the swale is adequately stabilized.

The on-site location may need to be adjusted to meet field conditions in order to utilize the most suitable outlet condition.

If a swale is used to divert clean water flows from entering a disturbed area, a sediment trapping device may not be needed.

**Figure 5A.2
Temporary Swale**

