

Temporary Mulch

PURPOSE:

The purpose of temporary mulch is to reduce erosion by installing a layer of mulch to disturbed areas that will not have permanent stabilization installed for a period of time or where the area may be disturbed at a later date.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Temporary mulch can be used for winter shut down, temporary stockpiles, or highly erodible areas where temporary stabilization may be required (steep slopes, ditches, etc.).
- This item is often used in conjunction with Temporary Erosion Control Seeding for short term durations or Seeding, Class 7 for longer durations.
- Temporary mulch can also be used to control dust or mud.
- Temporary mulch can consist of straw, lightweight erosion control blankets, or hydraulic mulches.
- If straw is used, it may be stabilized by crimping, an overspray of hydraulic mulch, or applied simultaneously with or immediately followed by a chemical mulch binder as described in the standard specifications.

INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE:

- Temporary mulch is to be inspected by the resident engineer and contractor every 7 calendar days and after a storm event of ½" or greater (including snowfall).
- If straw is blown or washed away, erosion control blanket curls or slides down a slope, or hydraulic mulch washes away, maintenance of this item will be required.