

Mulching Services

Fact Sheet

Mulching Services are the next generation of land clearing. Incorporating the newest technology, underbrush to moderate size trees can be removed effectively to achieve the client's desired result, which can range from forestry management to full land clearing. Mulching minimizes soil erosion and storm water runoff while avoiding expensive reclamation costs. It provides an ecologically friendly alternative to burning, burying, or hauling debris.

Clean Harbors Mulching Services utilize the best in class mulchers and operational techniques to maximize efficiency and cost effectiveness on a variety of land management projects. With safety as our # 1 priority, we employ a professional staff committed to ensuring a quality project while being mindful of our clients' schedules and budgets. Our experience on a wide variety of mulching projects in different climates allows us to use time-tested methods specific to project location.

Mulchers have numerous applications and Clean Harbors has experience in the following areas.

Lease/Site Preparation/Land Clearing

Mulching is ideal for clearing large areas in a short period of time. These traits lend themselves to the unconventional oil and gas industry for well pad site preparation and pipeline clearing and long-term maintenance. Large-scale land clearing is also useful for construction and commercial development sites and farmland expansion.

Seismic Exploration

Seismic exploration requires line clearing for receiver and source lines. The GPS guidance system in Clean Harbors mulchers is perfect for working in areas with minimal line of sight. In contrast to conventional clearing processes, mulchers are a low impact method of seismic land clearing. Mulching is one part of Clean Harbors' full array of front end seismic services.

Forestry Management/Fire Break Line Clearing

Forestry Management calls for a diverse range of approaches, which can be accomplished with mulchers. Everything from selective underbrush removal in forests to mowing of multiple acres and break lines prior to controlled burns can be done with Clean Harbors mulchers.



Advantages of Using Clean Harbors Mulching Services

Our North American fleet is comprised of over 100 mulchers that range from 83 horsepower to 850 horsepower with cutting heads 48" wide to 88" wide, surface and sub-soil capabilities. We can size the machine appropriately for the job at hand. With GPS guidance, boundaries and "no cut areas" can be programmed in, which can minimize survey needs to maximize productivity. All mulchers are track mounted for low ground pressure (3.5 psi - 5.8 psi). This feature enables us to "tread lightly" thus reducing rutting and ground disturbance, which allows mulching in swampy areas when permitted.

Pipeline/Utility Right-of-Way Clearing & Maintenance

Mulching provides a cost-effective means for clearing and maintenance of right-of-ways for subsurface and aboveground utilities such as electric, gas, oil, and water. Clean Harbors also has the capability to locate underground lines.

Railroad Vegetation Management

Similar to right-of-way clearing, railroad vegetation management presents an opportunity to use unique vertical practices that fit the requirements of railroads.

Fence Line/Walking Trail Clearing & Maintenance

Mulching fence lines or walkways for new or existing projects minimizes visual impact and creates an aesthetically pleasing product while minimizing ground disturbance.