Straw Bale Barrier

**Standard Detail & Specifications**

**Source:** Adapted from VA ESC Handbook

**Symbol:** SBB

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**Section**

- Compacted soil
- Re-bar or 2"x2" wood stake (Typ.)
- Wire or string binder oriented horizontally
- Embed min. 4"

**Note:** Straw Bale Barrier shall not be used as a primary perimeter control or in areas of concentrated flow.

**Plan**

- Wrap ends upslope so as to contain runoff
- (2) Re-bar or 2"x2" wood stakes per bale
- Straw bale (Typ.)

Flow
Construction Notes:

1. Bales shall be placed at the toe of a slope or on the contour and in a row with ends tightly abutting the adjacent bales.

2. Each bale shall be embedded in the soil a minimum of (4) inches, and placed so the bindings are horizontal.

3. Bales shall be securely anchored in place by either two stakes or re-bars driven through the bale. The first stake in each bale shall be driven toward the previously laid bale at an angle to force the bales together. Stakes shall be driven flush with the top of the bale.

4. Inspections shall be frequent and repairs and replacements shall be made promptly as needed.

5. Bales shall be removed when the site has been permanently stabilized.