

Retaining Walls

Retaining wall structures serve the purpose of restraining sloped earth in place. Retaining walls receive a horizontal weight pressure that requires them to be built to adequate construction standards.

Building permits are required for retaining walls when:

- They are attached to a building, or
- The wall is over 600mm (24") anywhere on the property

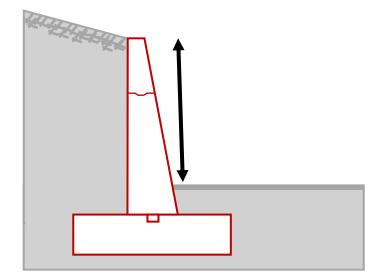
Building Permit Requirements

Municipalities may have additional permit requirements under their planning and development acts. Please consult with your municipality directly for more information.

Engineered drawings are required for retaining walls when:

- The wall is attached to a building,
- The wall is over 600mm (24"),
- The building code requires it, or
- The products being used to construct the wall have a height limit

Retaining wall heights are measured from the grade of the low side:



Engineering Requirements