

**Rain Gardens & Retaining Wall Guidelines**

* Don't put a rain garden any closer to the top of the wall than the height of a wall. For example, if the wall is 5 feet tall, then the rain garden should be a minimum of 5 feet away.
* For walls that are higher than 4-5 feet and are reinforced with a "geogrid" in the soil, do not dig into or cut the geogrid. This can compromise the wall.
* No tree should be planted close to the top of a wall. The distance from the wall depends on the mature canopy of the tree, but no large roots should abut the back of the wall.
* For rain gardens built at the base of a wall, the installation of the garden should not undermine the footing of the wall. Rain gardens should be 6ft away from concrete or masonry block walls.