



Adding a retaining wall to your landscape is a perfect solution to address trouble spots in your yard. Retaining walls can be a functional way to prevent erosion on slopes or a way to draw attention to raised planting beds. There are many options and a wide selection of styles and colors to blend seamlessly with your home and its surroundings.

Your friends at GE Landscape Supply are here to assist you with all your landscaping needs. Whether it is estimating quantities of materials or determining which material best suits your project. Our goal is to help you Dream it. Design it. Build it.

Use this Installation Guide and Recommended Tools & Materials List to help you consider factors like time, materials, tools, and costs that may be associated with your project.



- **Excavate Base:**
 - Before digging, call 811 (it's the law) to ensure that the area is clear of underground cables or utilities.
 - Use a shovel to dig a trench. The trench should be as deep as your building stones are tall.



- **Fill the Trench:**
 - Rake the excavated area.
 - Fill the trench with 4 inches of chipped limestone, gravel, or base material.
 - Use a tamper to compact base.
 - Check the grade and add a block to make sure the first layer is level.



- **Place Stones:**
 - Place first layer of stones on the base starting at the corner. Position them side by side and level in both directions.
 - Set them with a rubber mallet.
 - Backfill with gravel. If the wall is 4 feet or taller, completely bury the first layer in the ground.



- **Continue Assembly:**
 - Continue assembly by placing stones in a staggered pattern relative to the layer directly below. The seams should not line up.
 - Pull each stone forward to secure.



- **Finishing Touches:**
 - Backfill each level of the wall as it is completed. Finish by placing a layer of soil over the backfill material. Be sure to compact the soil.
 - Enjoy!!!

Recommended Tools & Materials

- Retaining wall blocks
- Chipped limestone/gravel
- Shovel
- Rake
- Hand tamper
- Tape measure
- Rubber mallet
- Level

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