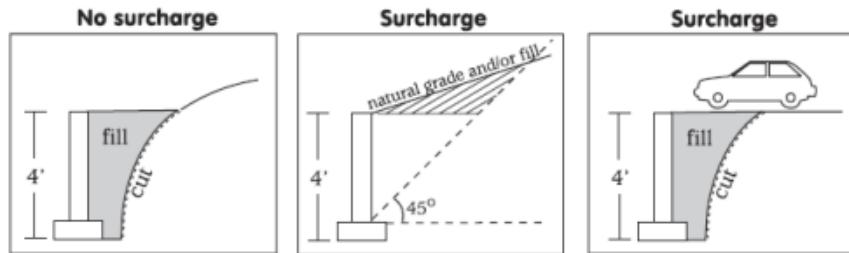


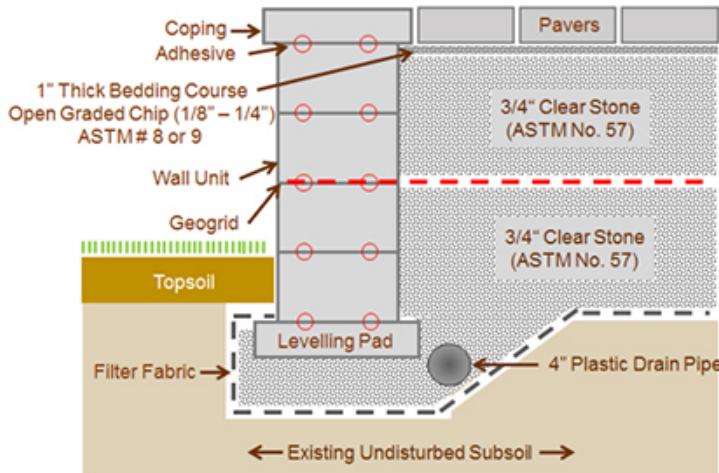


RETAINING WALL HANDOUT

Retaining walls are only permit exempt if they are less than four feet tall (from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall) AND is not supporting a surcharge.



A “surcharge” on a retaining wall is any load in addition to level grade, within that area defined by a 45 degree angle from the bottom of the footing to level grade.



Example

Permitted retaining walls often require a Special Inspections Agreement; which can be found on the City's website. City of Lake Stevens inspections are REQUIRED along with a Special Inspections Agreement to verify footings, drains, final wall, etc.