Curves—Outside With Reinforcement

Most retaining walls are designed assuming 100 percent coverage of the reinforcement. When building an outside curve, the block edges of the reinforcement will have gaps and the back edges don’t overlap. In order to ensure 100 percent coverage, additional lengths of reinforcement are used to fill those gaps on the next course of blocks. Don’t overlap the grid on one course.

**FIRST COURSE WITH REINFORCEMENT**
Cut reinforcement to the required lengths specified in the wall plan. Lay sections of the reinforcement within 1 inch of the face of the wall with the strength direction perpendicular to the wall face. Avoid overlapping the reinforcement by separating each section.

**NEXT COURSE**
Place the next course of blocks, marking the backs of blocks to identify unreinforced areas. This step is important because when this course is backfilled, it’s impossible to locate the unreinforced areas. Use the marked blocks as a guide, placing subsequent sections of reinforcement to overlap the gaps left on the previous course. This will ensure total reinforcement coverage.

**ADDITIONAL COURSES**
Repeat this procedure throughout the construction of the curve when reinforcement is required.

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