

**12. Permanent Vegetation Establishment:**

**Plant establishment is often overlooked but is critical to long term LID success.**

- Seed is difficult to establish in online stormwater practices.
- Establishing vegetation is often more successful if facilities are kept offline the first growing season.
- The first few years of establishment will require greater maintenance.
- Plant the right plant. Beware of uncommunicated plant substitutions.



**13. Overwintering:**

**The winter construction period - October 15th to April 1st - will require special construction measures.**

- Unstabilized natural heritage features should be protected within 30 metres of their boundary by Oct. 15th.
- Areas cleared and exposed should be limited to 0.4 hectares
- Seeding is not recommended during winter construction, unless dormant seeding.
- Mulch should be applied at higher rates and anchored when overwintering.



**14. Certification:**

**Final certification is the last chance to identify and solve potential issues before the owner takes over.**

- Issues should be resolved before the owner takes over maintenance responsibilities.
- Assessment and maintenance of stormwater treatment practices can be divided into four main categories: visual inspection, capacity testing, synthetic runoff testing, and monitoring.

