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# **Extensive Sedum Green Roof Maintenance Schedule**



**A Green Roof management plan must be specifically tailored as every roof will face different conditions.**

## THE BASICS

- Slow release granular fertilizer in April
- Apply 10grams per square metre. A handheld broadcaster is ideal for this and can be purchased in any hardware or DIY store
- Cut the flowers off and remove them in August
- Slow release granular fertilizer in October
- Apply 10grams per square metre
- Program should commence once The Green Roof is installed

### Week 1

Watering in the first week is crucially important. If the Blanket is rolled out in very dry conditions it must be watered every other day during this first week. A quick establishment is very important for the plants to cope with the harsh conditions on a roof.

### Week 3

By this stage the Sedum should be showing new signs of growth with mostly bright green, new foliage this will be in contrast to the darker shades of the more hardened foliage. This will indicate the Sedum has travelled well and is beginning to establish. From this point Green Roofs Ireland Sedum Blankets are low in maintenance. Mainly because of the beginning of the growing season, weeds will instantly start to move into any areas of bare substrate and a spot weed will be required. Due to our coverage of Sedum and intense weeding program during propagation weeds find it very difficult to establish themselves in the blankets.

### Week 6

At this stage a walk of each roof is required to check for any weeds. Pulling weeds, whilst they are very small will cause less damage to the Sedum and also before they are allowed to seed. This is paramount as a simple grass weed will turn into a small lawn if a roof is not properly cared for during the first year. A thorough inspection and spot weed at this stage could save weeks of labour in weeding or replacing sections of Blanket.

### **Week 12**

The roof will be well established and by this time a simple check on each roof is all that is required. The comprehensive care plan during the Spring months will mean weeds will not be seeding and spreading. The Roof will also be flowering soon so it is important that foot traffic is kept to a minimum.

### **Week 24**

As the growing season will soon be ending a simple inspection and spot weed is required. At this time fertiliser is used to brighten up the foliage before the winter.

### **Week 36-48**

This will be a winter inspection to check on the health of the Sedum. As our winters are changing we are experiencing more and more extreme weather conditions. The most Northerly Location in the United Kingdom is going to face the worst of this therefore, a winter visit is vital to monitor its performance.

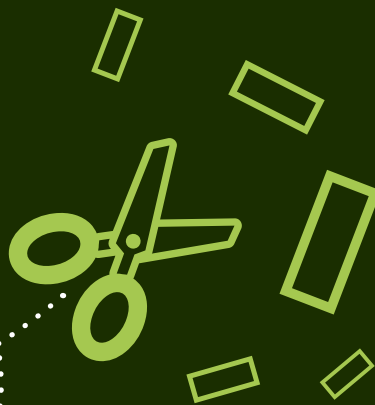
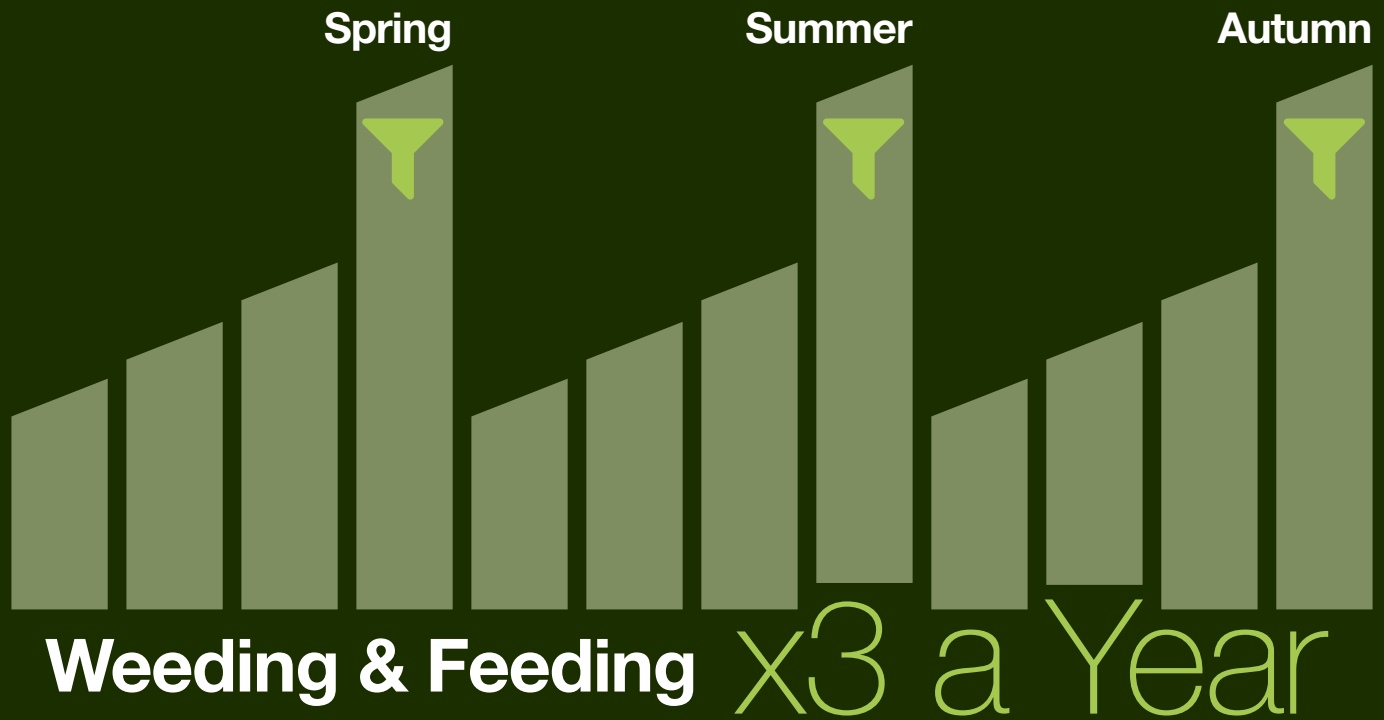
### **Year 2**

Four scheduled visits to align with the growing season and throughout with one visit in the winter.

A Green Roof is a living organism it is changing on a daily basis and is highly dependent on the weather. Therefore it is difficult to quantify exact amount of water or labour required. A good relationship with excellent communication between the client and the grower is required and combined with a maintenance schedule tailored for the application this will create a healthy and low maintenance Green Roof.

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**then flower  
removal late  
summer  
once a year**

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