Maintenance Guidelines Extensive Living Roofs



Methodology

Maintenance Spot Checks

Below is a list of the general spot checks made by the maintenance department to ensure the roof system is maintained to the best standard.

- Localised spot weeding of invasive or damaging weeds
- Re-seeding and remedial patching of roof areas caused by poor establishment.
- Assessment of irrigation systems (if applicable).
- Inspection of drainage channels and clearing of exposed outlets
- Clearing of dead material from the roof and (if applicable) the edging.
- (Autumn only) Cut back and remove excess growth in preparation of winter regression.
- (Spring only) Feeding using slow releasing organic fertiliser.

Vegetation Maintenance

- Removal of any unwanted vegetation that have encroached the drainage outlets, walkways or firebreaks.
- Restore the fire/vegetation breaks where movement has occurred.
- Remove any tree saplings.
- Trimmings of green roofs to prevent overgrowth, cuttings should be bagged up and removed from the roof as fire safety and to prevent nutrient leaching.
- Fertiliser as last resort if plants look distressed.
- Although not necessarily needed, an irrigation system will be useful for maximising the foundation of the living roof. A water check will be needed to check for soil moisture. Water the green roof system if water moisture is low.

Frequency

Regular maintenance is required to complete the above mentioned tasks and ensure a healthy, sustainable living roof. The attendance schedule usually extends to two visits per year but may be increased depending on the plant species present. The first of these visits would be carried out in the Spring/Summer period and the second in the Autumn/Winter

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