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[Common Questions About Green Roofs](#)



With the growth of the industry, some trends can now be identified. For instance, many early Green roof installations from five or six years ago, involved building owners and developers who were very familiar with the technology and had a good understanding of the installation and care of a Green roof.

However, this is not necessarily the case today. Typically, many of today's building owners and developers know only about the many benefits and features of a Green roof and little else. According to Jim Lindell, National Marketing Manager for GreenGrid® Green roofs, a business of Weston Solutions®, below are some of the most common questions - and answers - about Green roofs.

How often do we need to weed and water it?

For the most part, extensive (shallow and the most common) Green roof systems are designed to require little maintenance, according to Lindell.

During the first two to three months, it may need irrigation and some weeding. After that, most facilities just need to "patrol" the Green roof to see that all is going well.

Will it cause my roof to leak?

If properly installed by a reputable company, no, the roof should not leak.

Some Green roof systems built directly on the roof may require a new waterproofing membrane, drainage system, and/or other materials be placed over the existing roof before the Green roof is installed. "With a modular system, the modules often may be placed directly on the existing roof surface," says Lindell, "and the green roof actually helps protect the roof and prevent leaks."

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