



SEDUM MAT CARE AND INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

Whether your sedum mats arrived to you via UPS in a box or via truck on a pallet, you must always **UNPACK IMMEDIATELY!**

Rooftop Installation:

Sedum mats are the perfect vegetative answer to most green roof systems with industry standard growth media and excellent drainage.

- Install **IMMEDIATELY!**
- Saturate the green roof media. Level and roll media until compact. Continue to water the green roof media during the installation if it is starting to dry out.
- Lay each mat so the sides of each mat are touching. Avoid allowing the vegetation to drape between the mats. Mats can be staggered for a more “seamless” look.
- Sedum mats can be cut to work around obstacles such as roof vents and equipment.
- Utilize overhead watering to thoroughly water mats immediately after installation.
- Continue to utilize overhead watering until the roots have extended into the green roof media and the sedum mat has become well established. (Approximately 4-6 weeks.) During this time you will want to keep the soil in the sedum mat at an **evenly moist level**. Not soggy-wet. Not pale-dry. Do not overwater! Likewise, if the mats start to separate from each other and the sides are curling up, they are much too dry!

Rooftop Maintenance:

A certain level of maintenance will need to follow a green roof installation. Once established, irrigation can be administered overhead or by drip. During times of low rainfall/ excessive heat, a green roof should always be checked for proper water levels. Again, if the mats start to separate from each other and the sides are curling up, they are much too dry!

Weed seeds can be carried to a green roof via wind or birds. Occasionally check your green roof for weeds and hand pull any that are found. Dead flowers can be removed, but it is not necessary.

Landscape Installation:

Sedum mats are an excellent choice for on-grade applications that require a low maintenance answer.

- Install **IMMEDIATELY!**
- Make sure you prepared your area in advance! Completely clear the area of grass, weeds, etc. before installation time. Do not use herbicides prior to installation.
- Rake and loosen-up the soil. Make sure it is thoroughly moist.
- Lay each mat so the sides of each mat are touching. Avoid allowing the vegetation to drape between the mats.
- Sedum mats can be cut to create curves or cut around obstacles.
- Utilize overhead watering to thoroughly water mats immediately after installation.
- Continue to utilize overhead watering until the roots have extended into the soil and the sedum mat has become well established. (Approximately 4-6 weeks.) During this time you will want to keep the soil in the sedum mat at an **evenly moist level**. Not soggy-wet. Not pale-dry. Do not overwater! Likewise, if the mats start to separate from each other and the sides are curling up, they are much too dry!

Landscape Maintenance:

A certain level of maintenance will need to follow a landscape installation. The most important thing to remember is to check that it is not being overwatered! During times of low rainfall/ excessive heat, your installation should always be checked for proper water levels. Again, if the mats start to separate from each other and the sides are curling up, they are much too dry!

Sedum mats work very much like mulch in keeping the weeds out. Pull any weeds by hand that do appear before they spread. Dead flowers can be removed, but it is not necessary.

Other Applications:

Sedum mats can be used for endless applications, many of which are listed on our website. Whatever the use, sedum should always be unpacked immediately and kept at a moderate moisture level.

Seasonal Color:

With the onset of winter and cooler temperatures, sedum goes dormant. Some varieties will partially defoliate at the bottom of the stems. Most varieties will take on “winter” tones (ie dark red, orange, chartreuse). This is normal and it will fill-in and green-up when spring and warmer temperatures return. During the summer months sedum will take on its most vibrant range of colors.