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Getting a Green Roof in Edinburgh Property and What Kind of Roof Will Work? by [Graham Lamont](#)

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Green roofs are modern, eco-friendly, look good, save money and also the fact that they don't need mowing. Green roofs were most popular in 1930s and can still be seen now.

You can turn your boring brown roof into a friendly green roof and make it as interesting as your garden.

### Green roof

Green roofs are like a garden, with plants growing everywhere on its surface. You can have shrubs, trees, grasses, flowers. You can either give it a completely modern look or have a very natural one with a low covering of plants that grow on neglect in harsh conditions on the roof. It is the later one which is gaining popularity.

Green roofs look beautiful. The idea is to turn a useless roof, used to keep things you don't need into something interesting. The idea is to convert an ugly roof into a flowering mid air kind of a meadow. Having a green roof is a very good option for householders, as it helps to save fuel by reducing heat loss in winters and at the same time preventing heat gain in summers. Hence this kind of a roof is environmentally friendly and green in every possible sense of the word. It also reduces the chances of flash flooding, as it reduces the level of rainwater that drops off from a hard surface roof. Hence it will also benefit the neighbors.

### What kind of roof will work?

It is advisable to seek professional advice before turning your roof into a green one. Because such a roof will soak water, it is important that it should be strong enough to support the plants.

Flat roof structures are ideal for green roofs or ones which incline up to nine degrees. Hence garages, porches, garden sheds can have a green roof.

### Getting a green roof

First of all, you need to lay down insulation, water proofing along with a drainage layer. Over this will come the substrate and then finally the plants. Seeds can then be spread on the substrate. Alternatively, there are a few companies which provide grown to maturity mats. These can be rolled on the substrate directly to have an instant green roof. Hence, if you are in a hurry then this is the way to go.

### Planning permission

In order to convert an existing roof into a green roof there is no need for a planning permission. Even if you are planning to build a new house with a green roof, the planning departments will look at your application more kindly.

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