

# Living roofs: The perfect way to bring a little of the countryside into your city space

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Developing green spaces within cities is becoming ever more important in the fight to tackle the effects of climate change. With the advancement of living gardens such as Plantfoil, you can do your bit to encourage wildlife and delicate ecosystems to flourish within our urban habitats too.

## Introduction to living roofs

Despite increasing popularity in other European countries such as Germany and Switzerland, small living roofs are yet to take off commercially in the UK. This is potentially down to the lack of sustainable, well designed solutions that are able to deliver beautiful results that last.

Typically roof gardens on small buildings are unable to cope with the strength and drainage requirements of such a heavy structure, and are often flat which means people are unable to enjoy the fruits of their labour unless they look from above!

However, living roofs such as Enviroden's Plantfoil offer people creative solutions that enable them to really make the most of their outdoor buildings and sheds whether they are a keen nature lover who wants to encourage greater biodiversity in their garden, or a city dweller who longs for more greenery without losing precious storage space.

## Choose Enviroden's Plantfoil with Resysta guttering

Plantfoil living roofs are a great solution as they:

- Are designed and built to be strong and long lasting
- Help to create a very natural, countryside-like setting
- They allow people to enjoy them from ground level

The Plantfoil roof garden can be fitted to existing outdoor buildings and are also included with all Enviroden buildings as standard. They allow you to create the specific type of ecological environment you wish and are a smart way to soften the landscape.

Although purchases of Plantfoil roofs are motivated by a desire to create a visually attractive outside space, the key to their long-term success is in their construction. The curved design along with the Resysta gutter rails allow for greater strength and gentle drainage, which means that structurally the living roof is better prepared to maintain the weight of the greenery and soil, and moisture levels in the soil should stay at an optimal level during particularly wet or dry weather. The gutter rails also prevents the plants from slipping off or being carried away by the wind – an essential feature if you want to keep your roof garden looking wonderful!

A key feature of the Plantfoil roof system is the Resysta guttering. Resysta is manufactured from a combination of waste rice husk, common salt, and mineral oil; this innovative new material is a highly durable and sustainable alternative to timber.

Plantfoil systems using Resysta for their guttering will look as good as the day they were assembled for years to come, as the material is water resistant, does not degrade in sunlight, and will usually only require a single treatment on installation.

## Find out more...

Resysta's unique qualities make it an ideal solution for outdoor applications where durability and aesthetics are key. Resysta also produce decking and fascia solutions with a 15 year guarantee. So you can take advantage of this new material that doesn't force you to sacrifice design over durability throughout your garden. If you would like to find out more about Resysta, visit [Falcon Panel Products](#).

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