

City of Toronto - Green Roof Bylaw

Toronto is the first City in North America to have a bylaw to require and govern the construction of green roofs on new development. It was adopted by Toronto City Council in May 2009, under the authority of Section 108 of the City of Toronto Act.

The Bylaw applies to new building permit applications for residential, commercial and institutional development made after January 31, 2010 and will apply to new industrial development as of April 30, 2012.



City Hall Podium, 100 Queen St West

What is a “Green Roof”?

A green roof is an extension of an above grade roof, built on top of a human-made structure, that allows vegetation to grow in a growing medium and which is designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the Toronto Green Roof Construction Standard. A green roof assembly includes, as a minimum, a root repellent system, a drainage system, a filtering layer, a growing medium and plants, and shall be installed on a waterproof membrane of an applicable Roof.

Source: <http://www.toronto.ca/greenroofs/what.htm>



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For more information, please follow the link:

<http://www.toronto.ca/greenroofs/index.htm>

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When planning a green roof, consider using Biobarrier, after all, Biobarrier’s performance is guaranteed for 15 years, but expect it to last 25 and perhaps 30 years.