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Green Roofs

Next time you come to our Columbus garden center, make sure you take a few minutes to look at our new “Green Roof” atop our gazebo. One of our manager’s Annette, the creator of this beautiful roof top garden, has been scheming for a couple of years to build one at the store. Planted in several types of plants, one side celebrates our 70 year anniversary with the number 7-0 planted in contrasting colors of the perennial sedum.

In Europe green roofs have been common for years. The concept is simple enough. Plant on top of a building a garden of short, dense, easy to maintain plants to insulate the roof from heat and cold, conserve and clean rain water, and absorb enormous amounts of solar radiation that would otherwise heat up the atmosphere.

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There are lots of books and websites on the how to's and how much's. But in a nutshell, Green Roof makes a lot of environmental sense, save money by conserving energy and create habitat for birds and small fauna. A good way to get your feet wet is to try them on a gazebo or dog house roof. The installation requires good planning and maybe a little engineering. Remember, when wet, these green roofs are very heavy and will exceed the load limits of a conventional roof. Be prepared to reinforce, brace or re-roof a structure to receive a Green Roof.

Downtown Columbus is getting its first green roof atop the new County Courthouse building.

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