

GROUND COVER PLANTING

Installation Guide for Enviromat sedum matting on the ground



Enviromat sedum matting is a mixture of low-growing sedum species grown on to a specialised matting system.

Sedum matting is not just for green roofs, it makes a fantastic ground cover material that is drought tolerant, low maintenance and attractive to wildlife

This guide shows you the best way to install and maintain Enviromat sedum matting on the ground



Five Reasons to use Enviromat Sedum matting as ground cover

1. **All year round interest:** Enviromat flowers from April—October (weather permitting) and in the winter, the leaves turn a beautiful cherry-red colour
2. **Attracts wildlife:** sedum flowers are irresistible to butterflies and bees and will also attract a wealth of other mini-beasts. Birds will forage amongst the foliage and will use the spent seed-heads as nesting material.
3. **Drought tolerant:** UK weather is unpredictable. In the event of a drought, Enviromat sedum mat can survive for up to four weeks without irrigation.
4. **Easy Maintenance:** No need for mowing, pruning, deadheading or frost protection. Enviromat is hardy in the UK. If properly installed and given a minimal amount of TLC, it is easy to control weeds in Enviromat.
5. **Cost effective:** We estimate that Enviromat contains over 100 plants per square metre—compared to the cost of buying individual plants, Enviromat is excellent value for money

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SEDUM MAT FOR GROUND COVER

Enviromat for easy maintenance, drought tolerant ground cover



Design Ideas for Enviromat as Ground Cover

- **As an alternative to a grass lawn** (ornamental areas only)
- **For slopes and banks**
- **Path Edging**
- **Wildlife friendly gardens**
- **Pond surrounds**
- **Road verges and roundabouts**
- **On top of walls or gabions**
- **Low maintenance flower beds**



Enviromat needs:

- **A sunny spot**
- **Good drainage**
- **Feed in spring time**

No need for:

- **Additional soil**
- **Mowing, deadheading or pruning**





INSTALLING ON TO A SOIL-LESS SURFACE

The key to success is in careful ground preparation

Before placing your order for materials, please prepare the ground and make sure that you have everything you need

Have all the tools and materials you will need to hand. Eg instructions, roof edgings and fixings, measuring tape, hand saw, drill and protective clothing (including gloves)

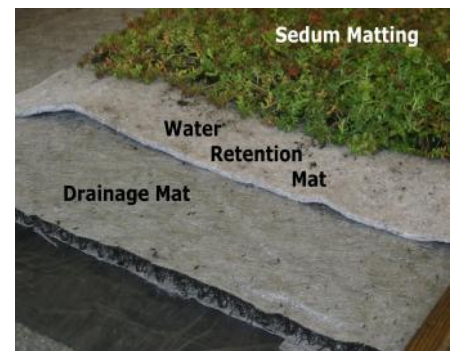
Plan ahead. Enviromat is heavy, when wet it may weigh up to 42Kg/m². Be sure that you can handle it and lift it safely. Please do not order your Enviromat until you are completely ready to install it. Enviromat is perishable and **MUST** be installed on the day of delivery. If there is a delay between delivery and installation, please unroll your Enviromat so that the plants can see daylight, otherwise the product will degrade.

Q Lawns cannot accept responsibility for Enviromat that has been damaged by improper storage.

Installing Enviromat on to a soil-less surface

Please see overleaf if you are installing onto garden soil

1. **Remove all debris and ensure the surface is even and well drained.** If some areas are prone to “puddling”, apply a layer of sand then level and compact it.
2. **Install raised edging** . This needs to be at least 7cm deep. Edging **MUST** allow excess water to drain away
3. **For a flat area , lay drainage mat across the area.** Trim to fit as necessary. This layer is not needed on slopes greater than three degrees.
4. **Install a layer of water retention matting:** at 90 degrees to the drainage mat (if used)
5. **Lay sedum matting:** folded beneath each piece of Enviromat sedum matting is an extra flap of geotextile backing. When you lay your Enviromat, this flap needs to be unfolded and laid flat beside the sedum matting....the next piece of matting will be laid on top of the flap for extra anchorage.
6. **Water:** Water the plants well to help them settle in. If you are installing between 1st March and 30th June, you should also apply Nutrifusion sedum feed at a rate of 20g per square metre.





INSTALLING ENVIROMAT ON THE GROUND

Our advice for getting the BEST results from your sedum ground cover

Installing Enviromat on the ground

For best results, avoid installing Enviromat directly on to soil...our build up is engineered to allow sedum plants to thrive whilst ensuring that weeds struggle to survive.

- 1. Remove all debris and big stones, compact the surface so that it's nice and firm and ensure that the levels are even and the area is well drained.** If some areas are prone to "puddling", apply a layer of sand then level and compact it.
- 2. Lay a sheet of polyethene or butyl pond liner on top of the soil;** this will stop perennial weeds pushing up from the soil below and it also helps to drought out any weeds that germinate amongst the sedum plants.
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ORDERING ENVIROMAT SEDUM MATTING



Q Lawns can supply the items below , normally with a 3 working day lead time.

Polyethene; drainage mat; water retention mat; Enviromat sedum matting; Nutrifusion sedum feed

Order online at www.enviromat.co.uk/enviromat or phone us on 0800 061 2835