

1.1 The historical development of vertical greening systems

Vertical greening systems are divided into two main categories: green facades and living walls. Green facades typically use climbers, such as ivy, which are planted in containers at ground level and which grow vertically on a building's facade, either unsupported or on a system of wires or a trellis. Living walls, on the other hand, are modular panels comprised of polypropylene plastic containers or geotextile mats, and have vegetation planted throughout the surface of the wall. The two main types of living wall are hydroponic and media-based systems.

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