

4.7.1 Plants

Ideally the plants should be inspected once a month to ensure that they are free from pests and diseases, and to enable plants to be replaced as necessary. In addition, different plants have different requirements in terms of pruning or tidying, and these maintenance tasks take place at different times of year (see unit 4.4). The following examples of plants commonly grown in living walls illustrate this variability:

- *Hylotelephium spectabile* – cut back after flowering to maintain shape or leave seedheads overwinter
- *Thymus* ‘Doone Valley’ – clip to shape with secateurs after flowering (Pruning Group 10)
- *Bergenia* ‘Pink Dragonfly’ – remove faded flower spikes
- *Carex oshimensis* ‘Evergold’ – in summer cut out any dead leaves
- *Ajuga reptans* – no pruning required
- *Pachysandra terminalis* – no pruning required

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