

## 4.7 How to prepare a maintenance plan

The maintenance of living walls follows similar principles to that of the maintenance of plants in gardens. Fundamentally plant and garden maintenance is generally presented in a visual matrix format consisting of tasks versus timings. As with gardens, specific maintenance tasks and timings depend on the scenario. Important parameters that vary from situation to situation typically include:

- internal or external installation
- type of living wall system
- plant species
- location (climate)
- micro climate (aspect)

This section aims to identify the typical maintenance tasks that are associated with and peculiar to living walls. Tasks that need to be considered are discussed below. Students should learn to synthesise their prerequisite knowledge of garden and plant maintenance with the situational parameters and the more specific activities for producing a living wall management plan.

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