

Toronto's Mandatory Green Roof Bylaw — North America's First, Now Repealed by the Province

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Quality score: 53/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Toronto's 2009 bylaw made green roofs mandatory on new mid-to-large buildings, delivering 1,200+ green roofs and 450,000+ m² of coverage, linked to ~11 million litres of diverted stormwater a year — until Ontario repealed it by order-in-council in November 2025.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	2/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	3/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[City of Toronto \(Toronto Building / Environment & Climate Division\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[City of Toronto — Green Roof Bylaw](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

[C40 Cities — Eco-Roof Incentive Program and Green Roof Bylaw](#) — accessed 2026-09-06

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