

Indoor plants and green walls in SYK's properties

Indoor plants and green walls make business premises more pleasant. However, plants and green walls can put indoor air quality at risk, because their growing medium is organic, irrigation water includes impurities and some plants are allergenic.

University Properties of Finland Ltd lets the users of premises have indoor plants, provided that they take full responsibility for them. When using plants as interior elements, the user of the premises has to commit to taking care of the plants appropriately. In addition, they must select plant species that are as non-allergenic as possible.

To minimise the risk, plants pose to indoor air quality, a maintenance programme must be set up and a maintenance contract must be signed to ensure appropriate maintenance. Green walls must be used and maintained correctly.

If it is suspected that there are indoor air quality issues, all indoor plants must be removed from the space before conducting any research or taking further action in accordance with SYK's indoor air process. The user of the premises is responsible for the possible costs related to any problems caused by indoor plants or green walls.

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