

ENGINEERS IMPACT ON URBAN FARMING



Development of Urban Infrastructure

Reducing:

- The usage of physical spacing
- Building up on environmental energy consumption
- Transportation cost
- Impacts on a green society



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“ Vertical Greenhouse”

- *resist climate changes*
 - *Climate made fit for all year round*
 - *Enclosure of sun's heat and the capability of maintaining moist environment*

"Greenhouse"

Types of Greenhouse

- Lean-to – a half greenhouse attached to a building
 - A limitation of light exposures
- Even-span – a full size greenhouse with one gable end attached to a building
- Window-mounted – a glass enclosure greenhouse allowed to be attached to either the south or the east side of a building
- Freestanding Structures – a structure freely placed on any end of the building best suits



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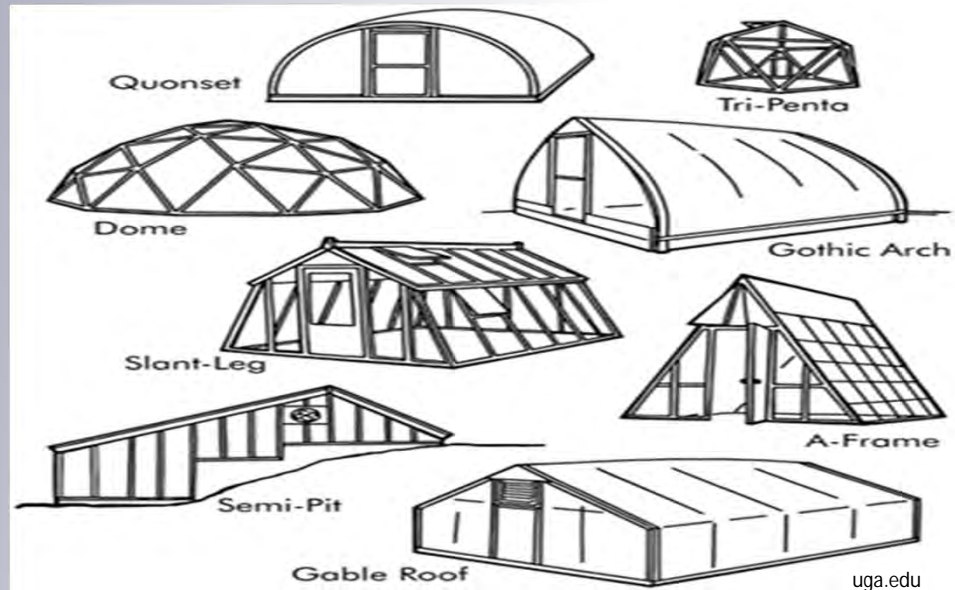


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Materials

- Frames

- Quonset
- Gothic Arc
- A-frame
- Post and Rafter
- Tri-Penta
- Dome
- Slant Leg
- Gable Roof



- Coverings (Fiberglass, Double-wall Plastic, Glass)



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Heating System

- Measured in British thermal units (Btu per hour) : energy used to heat one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit

(1 btu per hour = 0.29307107 watts)

- Sunlight storage – solar panels
 - Photovoltaic effect
 - Crystalline silicon (thickness of 2cm)



Solarpanelsperthquote.com

- LED (Lighting Emitting Diodes) - artificial lighting
 - Low in power usage (6 watt for about 2-3 plants)
 - Emission of wavelengths and light efficiency



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Absorption of Sunlight

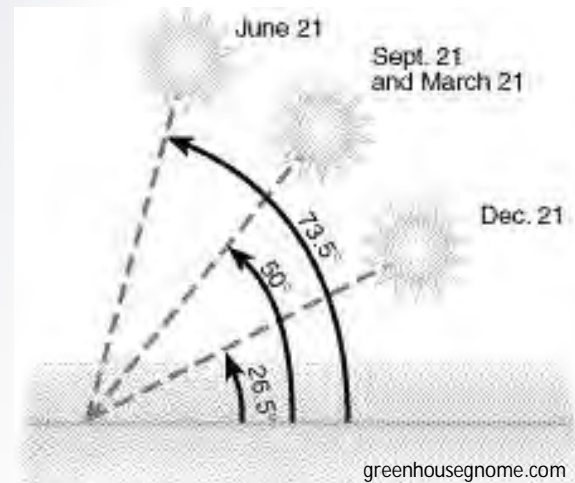
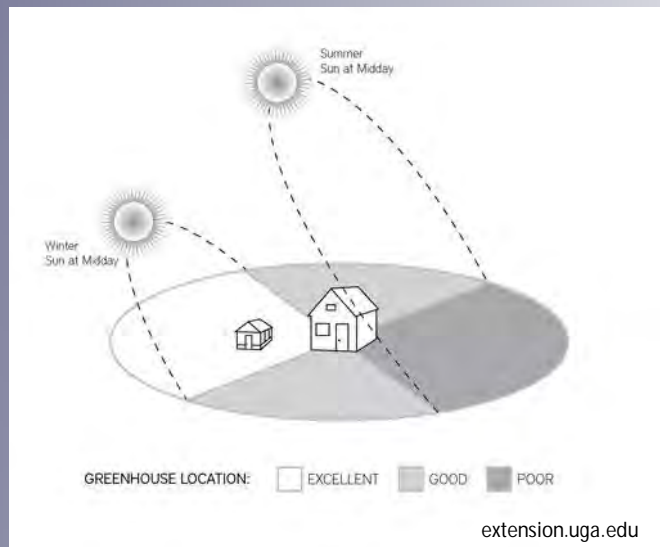
Maximum - Minimum sunlight locations

- South / Southeast
- East
- West
- North

Importance of Solar Panel's Angle

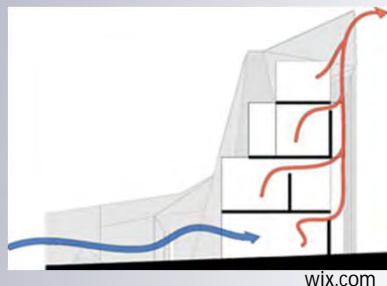
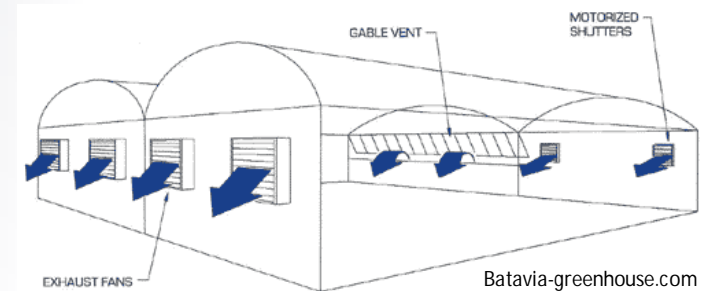
- Summer – Decrease around 10 degrees
- Winter – Increase around 10 degrees

Sunray should be perpendicular to the collecting area



Ventilation System

- Natural – roof vents with louvers
- Mechanical – usage of exhaust fan
- Humidity Control
 - Prevent high temperature (decreasing fungus' growth)
- Temperature Control
 - Prevent the trapping of solar radiation (Greenhouse effect)
 - Controlling the conditions of plant's growth
- Carbon dioxide/Oxygen
 - Draws in oxygen -> increase rate of photosynthesis to produce carbon dioxide
- Air circulation
 - Warm air rises
 - Cool air settles

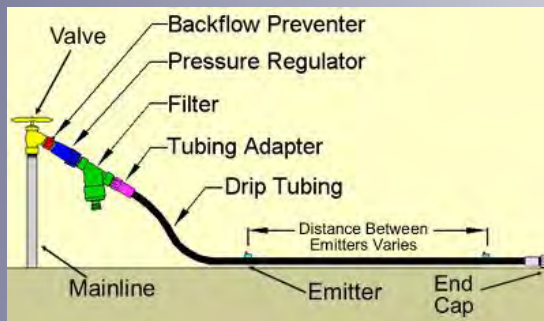


Water Supplies

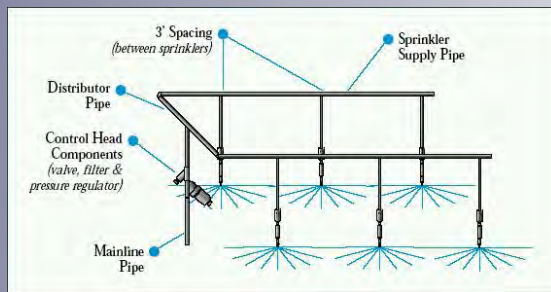
- Irrigation System

- Drip Tubing – reduce evaporation and runoff
- Overhead Misters
- Mat Irrigation
- Perimeter Irrigation

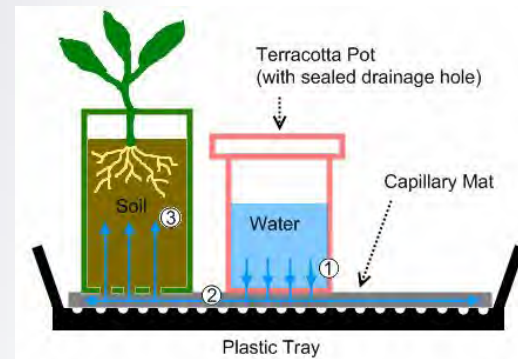
- *Water are mainly stored in barrels*
- *Acquire constant checks on water temperature*



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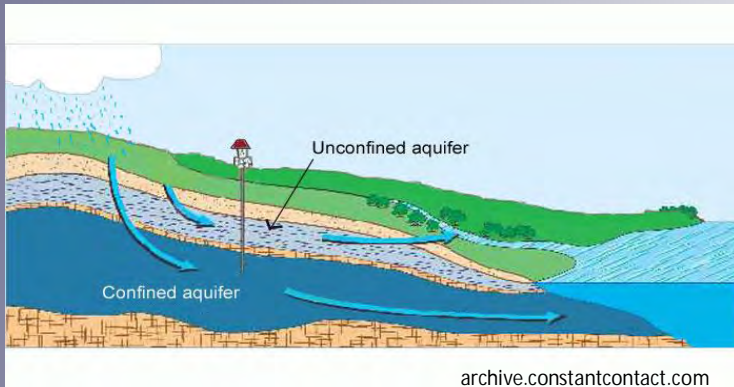
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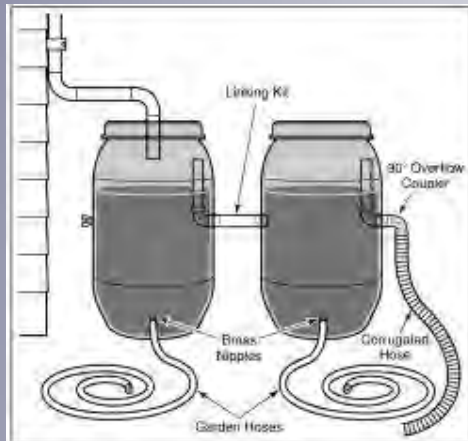
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- Waterways

- River and Ponds – mostly runoff waters
- Municipal water system – high cost
- Groundwater – aquifer zone (clean evaporated water)
- Rain collection – little in amount received



Distribution Uniformity (DU)
– measuring the distribution of irrigation system



(The approximated amount of the usage of water for one acre is around 22,000 gallons of water per day)

Green Roofing

Benefits

- Remove heat on the surface of the roof (energy reducing)
- Prevent further air pollution
 - Decrease gas emission level
- Lower heat wave
- Reduce runoff rain water (flooding)
- Landscape view



Extensive Green Roof

- Used for ecological protection layer
- No permanent irrigation system
- Plant's height growth are approximately 6 inches or shorter (Ex. Moss, herbs and grasses)
- Low in maintenance
- Mostly used by single family or residential buildings



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Semi-Intensive Green Roof

- Occasionally irrigation system
- Plant's height growth are approximately 6 to 12 inches (Ex. Grass, herbs and shrubs)
- Moderate in maintenance



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Intensive Green Roof/ Roof Garden

- Used as park/garden
- Permanent Irrigation System
- Plant's height growth are approximately 6 inches or more (Ex. Lawn, Shrubs and trees)
- High in maintenance
- Full scaled public park



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"Green"

- Building the structure of greenhouses
 - Production of organic plantation all year round
 - Reducing the cost used for transporting, heating, and watering
 - Uses of solar panels other than electricity
 - Effective ventilation systems
- Designing the usage of the Green Roofing
 - Increase the amount of unpolluted air
 - Advancing the view of the environment on the roof
 - Decreasing the chances of floods

