

# Lawn Care Tips for Hills & Slopes

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## After Aeration & Seeding

- Water lightly & often: On slopes, heavy watering causes runoff. Water once or twice daily in short cycles (5–10 minutes) until seeds germinate.
- Cover seed: A thin layer of straw or an erosion mat helps hold seed in place and prevents washouts.
- Limit foot traffic: Avoid walking on hillsides until new grass is strong enough to mow.
- Fertilize the same day you seed: A starter fertilizer at seeding gives seedlings nutrients from day one.

## Watering Tips for Hills

- Slow & gentle: Use low pressure. Pulsating sprinklers usually perform better than oscillating heads on slopes.
- Cycle–soak method: Run short intervals, pause to let water soak in, then repeat. This reduces runoff and pushes moisture deeper.
- Once established: Water 2–3x per week to total ~1 inch (including rain).

## Mowing on Slopes

- Safety first: Mow side■to■side across the hill—never up and down.
- Mow high: Keep grass at 3–4 inches to encourage deep roots and reduce erosion.
- Sharp blades only: Dull blades tear grass and increase stress on hills.

## Other Helpful Tips

- After heavy rain: Inspect for washouts and touch up bare spots with seed and light mulch.
- Annual aeration: Keeps soil open for roots and improves water infiltration.
- Persistent trouble spots: Consider groundcovers, shrubs, or mulch where grass struggles to hold.

Follow these steps to protect your investment in aeration and seeding, and to keep hillsides dense, rooted, and erosion■resistant.

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