

A BETTER PLAN FOR A SLOPE

YOUR MONTH-BY-MONTH FIELD NOTES

Use months as reminders; local weather, grass growth and establishment stage take priority. Move freeze preparation ahead of your first local freeze, even if earlier than shown.

01 JANUARY Map water routes Mark bare soil, channels and water arriving from roofs or paving.	02 FEBRUARY Check mower limits Read the equipment manual before planning access or a mowing route on the slope.	03 MARCH Observe a rain event From a safe position, photograph the top, middle and bottom.
04 APRIL Inspect exposed soil Plan suitable cover before small channels become a larger erosion problem.	05 MAY Check irrigation runoff Watch the downhill edge; longer runtime may add runoff rather than useful water.	06 JUNE Test cycle and soak Where suitable, try shorter watering intervals with pauses and compare infiltration.
07 JULY Protect stressed ground Avoid repeated traffic and unsafe mowing on dry, slippery or unstable surfaces.	08 AUGUST Plan one repair Match the establishment method and any erosion material to the slope and site.	09 SEPTEMBER Use a recovery window Repair only when the chosen grass can establish; seek help for steep or active erosion.
10 OCTOBER Keep drainage working Check existing outlets and leaf blockages after storms.	11 NOVEMBER Reassess the surface A locally suitable planted area may be easier to maintain than awkward turf.	12 DECEMBER Compare before and after Do not divert runoff onto neighboring land or toward a building.

Observe the cause | Choose the right growing window | Keep a short photo and care log

LAWN AREA: _____ GRASS / CULTIVAR: _____

Use current local advice and product labels. New seed, sod and plugs need separate establishment care. This is a planning sheet, not a monthly treatment schedule.

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