Agriculture & Landscaping: Machinery, Terrain and Weather Risks Picture This



This image shows a landscaping crew operating machinery on a sloped field after rainfall. A compact tractor is moving across an incline near a drainage ditch. The grass looks stable, but the soil underneath is soft and uneven. Tire tracks are partially hidden, and the ground appears slick. Nearby, another worker trims along the edge of loose gravel and exposed roots. In outdoor work, what looks firm can quickly become unstable.

Wet terrain reduces traction and increases rollover risk, especially when equipment travels sideways on a slope. Soft ground can collapse under weight, causing sudden shifts that leave little time to react.

Flying debris and uneven footing add to the danger.

Inspect terrain before operating. Reassess slopes after weather changes. Follow equipment limits, use rollover protection and seat belts, and stop work if conditions compromise stability.