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Vaastu recommendation: The ground adjacent to the home should not be sloping towards South or West.

Analysis: Vaastu prefers that the ground level be either horizontal or sloping towards North or East. It does not recommend slope towards South or West. For homes that are (a) located on hillside lots or on steep landscapes and (b) facing North or East, the backyard is likely to slope towards South or West. This is common in some topographical regions as in Southern California. Figure 1 illustrates two sloping backyards.

If the elevation of South and West sides of the land is lower than the North and East sides, it can impact the quality of your life, if there are no other significant Vaastu favorable components in your home interior.

On the other hand, if the ground is sloping towards North or East, and the elevation of South and West boundary sides is higher than North and East, the land has tremendous Vaastu strength.



Figure 1. Snapshots of homes with sloping backyards. The backyard is either on South or West sides.

While the ideal solution is to fill the sloping backyard with earth, it is not a feasible option for most of the homeowners. The cost of earth filling depends on the backyard area, the soil type, the availability of machinery and the accessibility factor to the backyard. For this discussion, we will assume that this filling cost is expensive and is not a viable option.

Other cost effective solutions to strengthen the Vaastu for this plot are

1. If you backyard is flat for 20 ft from home, at this distance, you can construct a fence along the backyard width. The fence style can be chosen based on your budget and fence characteristics like height, board width, spacing of the boards, and board profiles. The fence should be a laid along a straight line and not in any irregular style.
2. To blend the landscape as part of the solution, you can grow a series of continuous evergreen or flowering shrubs along a straight line, at the section where the ground begins to slope. Evergreen shrubs or its variant will add year round beauty to your backyard and will eliminate the effect of sloped land on your home. They need to be along a straight line.
3. In the South West corner of your new backyard boundary, put significant additional weight, like earth, heavy stones and cement bricks.