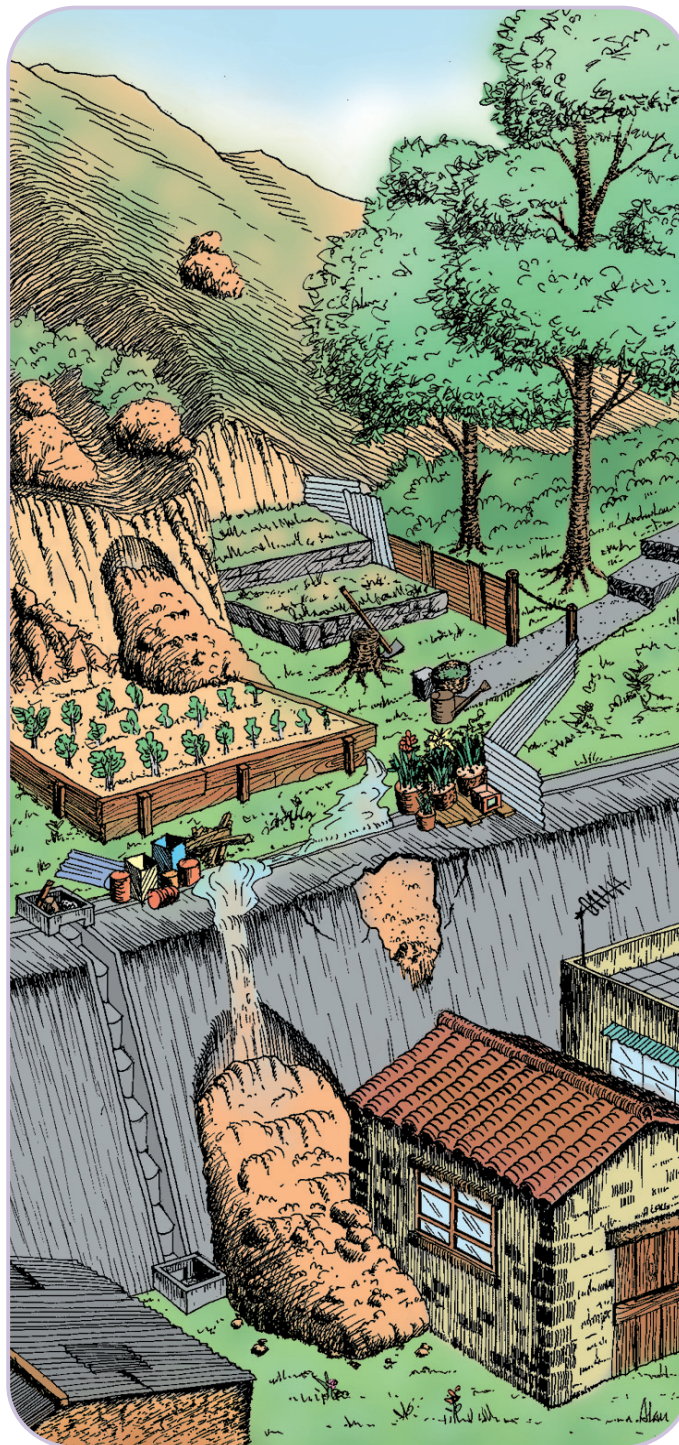


# Don't carry out unauthorized cultivation



## Unauthorized Cultivation can lead to landslides

Unauthorized cultivation and cutting of trees on government land are illegal. Unauthorized cultivation on hillsides may increase the risk of landslides and threaten the lives and property of residents living in the vicinity:

- (1) The uncontrolled excavation of hillsides, cutting down of trees and loosening of topsoil will damage the surface protection of slopes. The stability of the slopes will be adversely affected.
- (2) The species of trees and vegetation planted on government slopes are specifically chosen to protect soils from erosion. The roots of other types of vegetation may not be strong enough to hold up soil. During heavy rainstorms, serious erosion may lead to blockage of drains and subsequent flooding.
- (3) Unauthorized cultivation may affect the effective discharge of surface water during rainstorms. The surface runoff may erode the topsoil, infiltrate into the ground and raise the ground water table. As a consequence, landslides may occur.

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