

# Spring robot mower buying checklist

Work through this before you buy. Allow about 15 minutes.

## 1. Measure your yard

- ☐ Mow area, in square feet (the Size Matcher does the math: [robotlawnmowerguide.com/tools/size-matcher/](https://robotlawnmowerguide.com/tools/size-matcher/))
- ☐ Number of separate lawn areas (front, back, side strip)
- ☐ Narrowest passage between areas. Write down the width.
- ☐ Any gate the mower must pass through

## 2. Check your slopes

- ☐ Steepest slope in the yard, as a percentage (Slope Checker: [robotlawnmowerguide.com/tools/slope-checker/](https://robotlawnmowerguide.com/tools/slope-checker/))
- ☐ Is the steep part wet or shaded most of the day? Wet grass on a slope is where mowers slip.
- ☐ Compare your steepest slope to the maker's stated maximum, and leave some margin.

## 3. Look at the obstacles

- ☐ Trees with exposed roots, rocks, garden edging, uneven ground
- ☐ Ponds, pools, drop-offs or steps the mower must never reach
- ☐ Children's toys, hoses and furniture that stay out overnight

## 4. Pick the boundary type

- ☐ Wire-free (satellite or vision) or buried boundary wire?
- ☐ Tall trees or walls beside the lawn can weaken satellite signal. Ask the maker how the mower handles it.
- ☐ Can you set no-go zones in the app?

## 5. Questions to ask before you pay

- ☐ What is the return window, and who handles repairs?
- ☐ What happens to app features after the included cloud period?
- ☐ How are blades replaced, and what do they cost per year?
- ☐ Where will the charging station sit? It needs shade, level ground and power nearby.
- ☐ Is there a local dealer who can demo it on your lawn?

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## 6. Check the running cost

- ☐ Compare against what you pay for mowing today (Cost Calculator: [robotlawnmowerguide.com/tools/cost-calculator/](https://robotlawnmowerguide.com/tools/cost-calculator/))
- ☐ Add blades, a winter storage plan and any subscription

## 7. Spring setup

- ☐ Mow the lawn short once before the first automatic run
- ☐ Clear sticks, fallen fruit and winter debris
- ☐ Map the lawn on a dry day
- ☐ Watch the first few runs and fix trouble spots early

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