READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Vegetated (green) roof final inspection checklist

Vegetated (green) roof final inspection is where the punch list is either short or expensive. This checklist walks the finished work the way an owner or AHJ will see it: devices on, systems running, everything labeled. Each item gets the photo that closes it instead of reopening it. Work is commonly verified against manufacturer's published instructions, the applicable building code. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The green-roof installer's foreman with the landscape crew, and the GC's superintendent before turnover. When: After media is placed and planting is in, with establishment irrigation running, before the roof is handed over and put under its maintenance plan.

Roof access

- [ ] **Fall protection in place for the roof walk** — No photo required
  Guardrails, parapets, warning lines or anchor points at edges and openings in place before the walk party steps out, with edge work done tied off per the site's fall protection plan.
- [ ] **Maintenance access route to each planted area walked with the owner** — No photo required
  Hatch or door to each planted area, walkway pavers, and the guardrails, parapets or anchor points the design provides for maintenance staff pointed out.

Media and drainage

- [ ] **Growing media at the specified depth throughout** — 2 photos required
  Media depth probed at multiple points across the roof, at the design depth over the whole area, not just at the piles.
- [ ] **Drainage layer continuous and clear to the drains** — 2 photos required
  Drainage path unobstructed from field to drains, media held back from the drain inlets, no ponding after irrigation.
- [ ] **Media surface finished below edging and base flashing tops** — 1 photo required
  Settled media sits below the top of edging, curbs and the membrane termination per the details, never banked up against base flashing or counterflashing.

Planting

- [ ] **Plant layout and coverage per the plan** — 2 photos required
  Species, spacing and layout matching the planting plan, plugs or mats seated in the media, coverage even across the field.
- [ ] **Establishment irrigation operating** — No photo required
  Irrigation running and reaching the full planted area, controller set for the establishment schedule, no dry zones.
- [ ] **Exposed media protected from wind scour until plants fill in** — 1 photo required
  Erosion blanket, tackifier or pre-grown mats over bare media per the design, pinned at edges and corners where wind strips a new roof first.

Edges and access

- [ ] **Walkway pavers and edge ballast in place against uplift** — 2 photos required
  Pavers and wind-uplift ballast set at the specified weight and coverage along edges, corners and around penetrations, sitting flat and stable.

- [ ] Drain and inspection-port access maintained
  Every inspection port and drain still reachable through the finished media and planting, lids clear and openable.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Gravel borders free of spilled media and plant plugs
  Vegetation-free zones at drains, walls and penetrations swept of media and stray plugs left from planting, stone depth even and edging still upright.
  1 photo required

Turnover and establishment

- [ ] Baseline coverage photo taken of each planted area
  Photo from a fixed, noted point on each planted area at turnover, so coverage at the end of the establishment period can be compared from the same spot.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Establishment watering schedule written up for the owner
  Watering frequency for the establishment period, when to cut it back, and how to water by hand if the system is down, handed to the owner's maintenance staff.
  No photo required

- [ ] Establishment and maintenance period start date agreed
  Start of the installer's establishment or maintenance period set in writing with the owner, with visit frequency and the coverage target from the spec.
  No photo required

- [ ] Maintenance manual, plant list and system warranty handed over
  Green-roof maintenance manual, as-planted species list, media and component submittals and the system warranty delivered to the owner and logged.
  No photo required