READY TO INSPECT — FIELD CHECKLIST

Landscaping and irrigation punch checklist

Landscaping and irrigation punch is where small misses become callbacks after the crew has demobilized. This checklist walks the finished work the way the owner and the next trade will see it, with the photo that closes each item instead of a note that reopens it. Work is commonly verified against the project specifications, manufacturer's published instructions. Confirm the edition your authority having jurisdiction has adopted.

Who runs it: The landscape foreman on a warranty walk, or the GC's superintendent closing site punch items. When: During closeout and through the establishment period, after the first weeks of watering reveal coverage gaps and trench settlement.

Plants and coverage

- [ ] Dead or struggling plants identified and tagged
  Each failing plant located against the plan, a close shot of the condition and a wide shot placing it in the bed, replacement stock matched to the original.
  2 photos required

- [ ] Dry spots and coverage gaps traced to a cause
  System run again over the reported dry areas, the gap traced to a plugged nozzle, a misadjusted arc or a stuck valve, and the fix photographed running.
  2 photos required

- [ ] Trees sighted for lean after the first wind and rain
  Each tree checked for lean or a rocking root ball, re-plumbed where it moved, and ties loosened wherever growth has them pressing into the bark.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Each zone walked running for leaks and boggy ground
  Wet spots, geysers or soft ground away from the heads traced to a lateral, swing joint or valve leak, dug up and repaired, and the zone rerun dry.
  1 photo required

Grade and heads

- [ ] Settled trenches brought back to grade
  Settled runs topped, tamped and reseeded or re-sodded, the repaired line photographed level with the surrounding lawn.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Head alignment corrected and rechecked
  Heads reset to spray the bed and not the walk, sunk heads raised to grade, each corrected head watched through a cycle before signoff.
  1 photo required

- [ ] Beds and slopes checked for mulch and soil washout
  Beds walked after rain for washed-out mulch, exposed root balls and soil carried onto paving; low spots regraded and mulch topped back to depth.
  1 photo required

Warranty and schedule

- [ ] Seasonal controller adjustment recorded by the installer
  Irrigation installer's note of the run times set for the current season and establishment stage, with the change dated and shared with the owner.
  No photo required

- [ ] Replacement plants logged with their own guarantee dates
  Each replaced plant recorded by location, species and planting date so its guarantee period starts on record, with the owner's representative copied.
  No photo required