Driveway Inspection Checklist: Surface Drainage and Edges

Blank copy

Property

INSPECTION DATE

INSPECTED BY

PROPERTY ADDRESS

OCCUPANCY

DRIVEWAY SURFACE

WALKS ON THE LOT

WEATHER DURING THE WALK

☐ Owner or agent present

Driveway surface

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Driveway walked from the street to the house or garage	☐	☐	☐	
Surface material identified and matches the header	☐	☐	☐	
Concrete cracks described; no vertical offset or hinging	☐	☐	☐	
Concrete panels not heaved or settled relative to neighbors	☐	☐	☐	
Concrete not spalled, scaled, or delaminated into a trip	☐	☐	☐	
Control and expansion joints not holding standing water	☐	☐	☐	
Asphalt: no holes, missing pavement, or edge breakup that affects travel	☐	☐	☐	
Asphalt: no alligator or block cracking that affects travel	☐	☐	☐	
Pavers not missing, rocking, or heaved; edge restraint holding	☐	☐	☐	
Gravel or dirt: no washouts or ruts that block access	☐	☐	☐	
No washed-out soil or voids under pavement edges	☐	☐	☐	
Joint at the garage or house does not pond at the plate	☐	☐	☐	
Tree roots or adjacent soil not lifting the pavement	☐	☐	☐	

Surface drainage

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Driveway within 10 feet of the house slopes away or has a drain	☐	☐	☐	
No standing water on the drive or against the foundation	☐	☐	☐	
Garage apron does not dump water into the garage	☐	☐	☐	
Walks within 10 feet of the house slope away or have a drain	☐	☐	☐	

Downspouts not discharging onto a low drive that runs to the wall	☐	☐	☐	
Trench drain or catch basin, if present, is open and not full of debris	☐	☐	☐	
Soil along pavement edges not holding water against the slab	☐	☐	☐	
Drains or swales carry water away where a 10-foot fall is blocked	☐	☐	☐	

Edges, walks, and trip hazards

Item	OK	Defect	N/A	Notes
Driveway edges intact; no crumbling drop-off	☐	☐	☐	
Curb, gutter, or street apron not a vehicle or trip hazard	☐	☐	☐	
Adjacent walkways inspected	☐	☐	☐	
Walk not blocked or impassable	☐	☐	☐	
No unintended trip on walking surfaces along the normal path	☐	☐	☐	
Vegetation not blocking travel or holding water at the pavement	☐	☐	☐	
Street sidewalk recorded as in scope or N/A	☐	☐	☐	
Utility covers flush and in place	☐	☐	☐	
Steps from the drive to a walk or porch, if present, are intact	☐	☐	☐	
Surface not hidden by snow, ice, stored items, or vehicles	☐	☐	☐	

Findings and sign-off

FINDINGS

ACTION

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE

OWNER OR AGENT SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

Reference only. Verify against local codes, a licensed inspector or a qualified contractor.