



Drainage System Efficiency Check Checklist

Visual Inspection & General Condition

Initial assessment of the drainage system's physical state and obvious issues.

Date of Inspection (YYYY-MM-DD)

Enter a number...

Inspector Name

Write something...

Overall Impression of System Condition

Write something...

Visible Signs of Damage (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Cracks in Channels
- ☐ Collapsed Sections
- ☐ Erosion Around Outlets
- ☐ Leaking Joints
- ☐ Broken Pipes
- ☐ None Observed

Estimated Length of Drainage System (meters/feet)

Enter a number...

Drainage System Type (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Surface Drainage
- ☐ Subsurface Drainage (Tile)
- ☐ Combination
- ☐ Other

Notes on immediate visual concerns or potential problem areas

Write something...

Upload photos of system, including problem areas

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Surface Water Flow & Ponding

Evaluating how surface water behaves after rainfall events.

Observe ponding duration after a typical rainfall event (e.g., 0.5 inch).

- ☐ < 30 minutes
- ☐ 30 minutes - 1 hour
- ☐ 1 - 2 hours
- ☐ More than 2 hours

Maximum depth of ponding observed (in inches)

Enter a number...

Describe the location(s) of observed ponding. Be specific (e.g., low spots in field, near tile outlet).

Write something...

Is ponding excessive, causing potential crop stress or damage?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, slight
- ☐ Yes, moderate
- ☐ Yes, severe

What factors contribute to observed ponding (select all that apply)?

- ☐ Clogged Drain
- ☐ Flat Terrain
- ☐ Soil Type (Clayey)
- ☐ Heavy Rainfall
- ☐ Poor Design
- ☐ Other (Specify in LONG_TEXT)

If 'Other' selected in previous question, please describe.

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Drainage Outlet Functionality

Assessing the efficiency of outlets, including culverts, ditches, and pipes.

Outlet Type?

- ☐ Culvert
- ☐ Open Ditch
- ☐ Underground Pipe
- ☐ Surface Drain
- ☐ Other

Outlet Flow Rate (L/s or GPM)

Enter a number...

Outlet Blockage?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Minor
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Severe

Describe any observed outlet issues:

Write something...

Water Level at Outlet (m or ft)

Enter a number...

Evidence of Backflow?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Uncertain

Attach Photo of Outlet

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Channel & Pipe Condition

Detailed examination of the integrity and cleanliness of channels and pipes.

Pipe Diameter (inches)

Enter a number...

Pipe Material

- ☐ PVC
- ☐ Concrete
- ☐ Corrugated Metal
- ☐ HDPE
- ☐ Other

Channel Slope (percent)

Enter a number...

Pipe Condition - Visible Damage?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Minor (Surface cracks, minor deformation)
- ☐ Moderate (Significant cracks, partial collapse)
- ☐ Severe (Complete collapse)


Describe any observed pipe or channel degradation (rust, cracks, settlement, etc.)

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Estimate Sediment Build-up in Channel (inches)

Enter a number...

Upload Photo of Channel/Pipe Condition

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Sediment & Obstruction Assessment

Identifying and quantifying sediment buildup and any blockages within the drainage system.

Average Sediment Depth (cm)

Enter a number...

Types of Debris Observed

- ☐ Leaves
- ☐ Sticks/Branches
- ☐ Soil/Mud
- ☐ Organic Matter (e.g., crop residue)
- ☐ Trash/Plastic
- ☐ Other (Specify in LONG_TEXT)

Description of 'Other' Debris (if selected)

Write something...

Estimated Percentage of Drainage System Blocked by Sediment/Debris (%)

Enter a number...

Severity of Obstruction

- ☐ Minor (Less than 10% reduction in flow)
- ☐ Moderate (10-30% reduction in flow)
- ☐ Severe (Greater than 30% reduction in flow)

Photo of Sediment/Debris Buildup

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Detailed Description of Obstruction Location and Nature

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Vegetation Management

Reviewing vegetation growth within and around the drainage system and its impact on efficiency.

Dominant Vegetation Types Observed (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Grasses
- ☐ Weeds (Identify Species)
- ☐ Shrubs
- ☐ Trees
- ☐ Algae
- ☐ Other (Specify)

Detailed Description of Vegetation Presence & Location

Write something...

Estimated Vegetation Coverage (%)

Enter a number...


Vegetation Impact on Drainage (Choose One)

- ☐ No Observable Impact
- ☐ Minor Obstruction
- ☐ Moderate Obstruction
- ☐ Severe Obstruction

Describe Specific Areas of Concern Related to Vegetation

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Photos of Vegetation and Potential Obstructions

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Last Vegetation Management Date

Enter date...

Erosion Control Measures

Checking the effectiveness of erosion control structures (riprap, check dams, etc.).

Riprap Condition

- ☐ Excellent - Stable and Intact
- ☐ Good - Minor displacement, still functional
- ☐ Fair - Noticeable displacement, some loss of material
- ☐ Poor - Significant loss, ineffective protection

Check Dam Height (feet)

Enter a number...

Terrace Stability (if applicable)

- ☐ Stable
- ☐ Minor erosion
- ☐ Moderate erosion
- ☐ Severe erosion

Describe Any Erosion Concerns

Write something...

Vegetation Cover Near Erosion Controls

- ☐ Excellent - Dense and Well-Established
- ☐ Good - Adequate coverage
- ☐ Fair - Sparse coverage, some bare spots
- ☐ Poor - Minimal coverage, significant erosion risk

Distance to Nearest Waterbody (feet)

Enter a number...

Attach Photos of Erosion Controls

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Water Quality & Runoff Analysis (Optional)

Collecting samples and analyzing runoff to evaluate water quality and nutrient loss (requires specific equipment and expertise).

Describe any unusual observations regarding runoff color, odor, or appearance.

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pH of runoff sample (if collected).

Enter a number...

Turbidity of runoff sample (NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units, if collected).

Enter a number...


Soil erosion observed in runoff? (Visual estimation)

- ☐ None
- ☐ Slight
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Severe

Potential pollutants detected in runoff (check all that apply):

- ☐ Fertilizers
- ☐ Pesticides
- ☐ Sediment
- ☐ Organic Matter
- ☐ Other (Specify in LONG_TEXT)

Attach any photos/videos of runoff or surrounding area.

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Date of runoff sample collection

Enter date...