

LANDSCAPING DRAINAGE CHECKLIST

Prevent Water Damage & Protect Your Outdoor Investment

If you live in Northeast Ohio, proper drainage is essential to keeping your yard healthy and your home safe. Use this checklist to spot potential issues and make sure your landscape is set up to handle the region's challenging weather.

STEP 1: INSPECT FOR WARNING SIGNS

Check your property for the following common drainage red flags:

- ☐ Standing water in your yard 24-48 hours after raining
- ☐ Water pooling near your foundation or basement
- ☐ Soggy or muddy patches that never dry
- ☐ Lawn or plant damage from oversaturation
- ☐ Cracked or shifting hardscape elements (walkways, patios)
- ☐ Erosion near slopes, hills, or retaining walls

STEP 2: EVALUATE GRADING CONDITIONS

Improper grading is a top cause of drainage issues. Look for:

- ☐ Soil that slopes toward the house instead of away
- ☐ Low areas where water naturally collects
- ☐ Incomplete or uneven surfaces near foundations and patios
- ☐ Soil levels that have settled over time

STEP 3: CONSIDER DRAINAGE SOLUTIONS

You might need one or more of these solutions:

- ☐ Catch basins for surface water in low areas
- ☐ Downspout extensions or tie-ins
- ☐ Dry wells or swales for slow absorption
- ☐ Erosion control for sloped terrain
- ☐ Rain gardens & bioswales

STEP 4: PLAN FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS

Keep your drainage system working efficiently:

- ☐ Clean out gutters and downspouts regularly
- ☐ Keep drainage grates and inlets clear of debris
- ☐ Schedule a professional landscape drainage assessment
- ☐ Integrate drainage with new landscaping or hardscape plans
- ☐ Use native or water-tolerant plants in wetter areas



NAVIGATING WATER RUNOFF LAWS? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

City, state, and federal regulations around water runoff are evolving – and The Pattie Group stays ahead of them for you. From managing erosion and protecting water quality to complying with rules about runoff, non-permeable surfaces, and even habitat preservation, we know how to keep your property compliant and protected.

📍 In cities like Shaker Heights, new laws are tying tax assessments to hard surface coverage.

Let us help you navigate the red tape and find smart, sustainable solutions for your landscape.

Dealing with water issues or planning a project?

The Pattie Group provides custom drainage solutions for Northeast Ohio—schedule your assessment today.

