

Website Checklist

Client: _____

Website URL: _____

Pre-Live Checks

Website Accounts and Tracking Setup

- ___ Setup OCG Master Email Account
 - ___ Add login to Clients C2 Password vault
- ___ Setup Google reCAPTCHA
 - ___ Setup reCAPTCHA on website
 - ___ Add login to Clients C2 Password vault
 - ___ Add all website domains related to this account
- ___ Setup Google Maps if necessary
 - ___ Add login to Clients C2 Password vault
 - ___ Add all website domains related to this account
- ___ Setup Google Analytics
 - ___ Add login to Clients C2 Password vault
- ___ Setup Google Adwords
 - ___ Add login to Clients C2 Password vault
- ___ Setup Matomo Analytics

- ___ Setup Tag Manager
 - ___ Google Tag
 - ___ Matomo Tag
 - ___ Form Submission Tag

- Setup Tag Manager integration on website
- Add login to Clients C2 Password vault
- Setup Google Search Console
- Add login to Clients C2 Password vault

Setup any other required tracking code (list below)

Add logins to Clients C2 Password vault

QA Site Testing

- Review site design
- Test site functionality
- Verify site settings
 - Add Site Name and Tagline
- Test site forms. Ensure correct recipients
- Check for cross-browser compatibility
- Confirm responsive breakdown and correct mobile views
- Confirm Favicon is in place
- Check for broken links and ensure all links are correct
- Proper 404 error page setup
- Confirm required re-directs are in place
- Search and remove all unnecessary content objects
- Search and remove all Lorem Ipsum

- ___ Verify image quality & relevance
- ___ Check images for stock watermarks
- ___ Ensure content formatting consistency
- ___ Check for duplicate content
- ___ Proofread all content
- ___ Ensure all links to site specific assets are relative (pages, posts, images, etc.)
- ___ Remove all unused plugins, extensions and themes (leave at least one theme)

Performance

- ___ Test site pre-cache performance. Note any performance issues

- ___ Double check files and asset organization
- ___ Optimize scripts and database queries
- ___ Test post optimization performance. Note any issues

Security

- ___ Ensure unique OCG user password.
 - ___ Add login to Clients C2 Password vault

SEO

Check metadata

Check schema markup

Pre-Launch

Establish launch timetable / notify client / get buy-in

Confirm each department is prepared for post-live testing

Confirm any legal compliance if necessary

Post-Live Checks

General Setup

- Setup live domains including www
- Determine Name Servers to use. List below

- Ensure live site domains are pointing to website hosting server
- Ensure live site domain is primary.

Security

- Test and verify SSL
- Setup live domains including www
- Check backups are active and functioning (nightly)
- Remove or make unreachable .txt files (except for robots.txt)
- Add required user accounts. Ensure proper profile access
- Verify blog/page author is set to client user (not ocgdev)
- Setup security functionality
 - Ensure all recommended security actions in place
 - Ensure daily malware scans are in place
 - Ensure audit logging in place
 - Ensure Firewall setup
 - Ensure WAF is setup
 - Enter Oxygen bypass rules if necessary
 - Ensure proper IP blocking if necessary

- Mask URL admin login page
- Enable all security headers
- Activate pwned passwords protection
- Ensure reCAPTCHA is setup and activated where necessary

Performance

- Setup image compression
- Setup caching and site optimizations
- Recheck site performance. Notate any issues

- Ensure uptime monitoring is active

Hosting Setup & Monitoring

- Setup weekly automatic plugin updates
- Ensure the following are setup
 - Security monitoring
 - Performance monitoring
 - SEO monitoring
 - Broken link checking including weekly scan setup
 - Nightly backups
 - Uptime monitoring
- Setup weekly activity reporting to websitereports@ocgcreative.com

SEO

- ___ Ensure sitemap.xml and robots.txt are in place
- ___ Ensure the website is not in development, test or maintenance mode
- ___ Ensure tracking bots have access to website
- ___ Confirm keyword tracking
- ___ Ensure all tracking accounts are receiving traffic
- ___ Audit the URL aliases and redirect
- ___ Double-check originality of titles and descriptions
- ___ Audit/verify inbound links & destination pages

