Checklist for testing WordPress websites:

1. WordPress Settings:

* Title
* Tagline
* Pagination (Process of paging)
* Comments: Threaded Comments
* Comments: Multiple pages of comments (replies and new comments)
* Favicons (favorite icons)

1. Homepage:

* Homepage functionality
* Behaviour - dynamic or static
* Content Display – including media, images, videos etc.…
* How and Where do blog posts appear
* Page navigation

1. Search results:

* Filters behavior
* Search results
* Images
* Pagination

1. General:

* No PHP warnings or notices
* No JavaScript errors or notices.
* CSS standards – HTML and CSS friendly.
* Responsive Web design (Screen size, Platform and orientation)
* Mobile, iPad or tablet compatibility
* Web standards (Web Accessibility Standards)
* Browser compatibility
* Theme Validation (e.g. http://wordpress.org/plugins/theme-check/)

1. Posts:

* Scheduled posts behaviour.
* Draft post or password protected posts behaviour.
* Sticky post in the front
* Featured image
* Links and read more links

1. Test Gallery Images:

* Images (linked or attached) – (displayed correctly and does not overflow content area)
* Videos
* content
* No or long title
* Categories and tags

1. Protected Content with Password:

* Password form appears correctly.
* Content is not displayed prior to the password entry.
* No comments displayed unless approved.
* Entering correct password displays content.

1. Content, pages and single posts:

* Navigation links: Appropriate links are opened
* Content if applicable.
* Styles: Paragraphs, aligned headers, style
* Images: Captioned/Uncaptioned, alignment, borders
* Images: Images should be resized (wide or small) and not push sidebars to the bottom
* Images: Thumbnails display correctly, within posts and as featured items
* Images: Linked or attached – displayed properly and no overflow of content.
* Gallery: Images link to the relevant post, the correct image displayed.
* Sliders if any having preview of images/ videos.
* Videos: Embed works, no content overlap or overflow
* Audio: Links are not broken, and audio plays and pauses as designed.
* Titles: Long titles with special characters, overflow issues.
* Titles: No title – Post displays, link works
* Comments: Displayed correctly, threaded (comments and replies), pagination, author comment, avatars (default vs. chosen), logged in and logged out users (appropriate messages Log-in to comment or if the posts are anonymous log out to post), edit link for admin users, HTML (links, quotes, etc.) are displayed properly.
* Comments: disabled – Form shouldn’t be displayed, ‘comments are disabled’ message display
* Trackbacks: (check multiple trackbacks too)
* Pages: Pagination and Hierarchy
* Search results: Results page display properly, the query is displayed, Filters behaviour, Images
* Error pages: 404 and error page redirection.
* Menus: When a large number of categories(submenus) are present – check all pages and also test for deep levels within the menus
* Widgets: display correctly
* The format for posts: Standard, Image, Link, Quote, Status, Author and Timestamp if applicable)
* Template for Webpages Default Vs. Other templates
* Featured Images are displayed correctly

1. Common Problems:

* Cross-browser compatibility
* Updating – functionality and appearance changes after each upgrade, so advisable to test and store appearances before and after changes.
* Security Updates
* Third Party Plugins
* Social Media Integration: plugins and widgets behaviour with different types of content.
* A robots.txt file - so the search engines will know how to crawl your website

1. Common Errors:

* 500 Internal Server Errors.
* htaccess file or PHP memory limits.
* White Screen – Possibly an incompatible plugin or theme
* Maintenance Error Mode
* Error Establishing A Database Connection
* Connection Timed Out – Possibly overloaded or badly configured server
* Error 145 –WP database is corrupt or damaged
* Error 28 – Cache or server is full
* Warnings like ‘Cannot Modify Header Information’ –might be extra white space in files like wp-config.php.

1. Check visual appearance, readability, and functionality:

* Logo
* Navigation bar
* Images
* Designs
* Text
* Header/footer strips
* Calls-to-action
* Links
* Forms
* Maps
* Contact info
* Sidebars
* Callouts
* Popups
* Social media
* Widgets
* Logins/portals

1. More areas to look into:

* Download - does a file actually download after clicking.
* Sign-up / contact form - form is linked to CRM and imports the information.
* Shopping cart - ordering process collect all the proper customer and payment info and launch the purchasing process.
* payment was processed correctly – if not appropriate error messages.
* All of the form’s required fields work or not.
* Admin receives an email notification when transactions are completed.
* Do all buttons and links in the site work.
* Once any of the action has been completed or failed, do users get a custom Thank You page if so, is the form confirmation message Helpful for the user.
* Confirm Customization Functionality after each update.