



WordPress Maintenance Checklist

Every two weeks

- Do a full backup of both files & database, using a plugin such as Updraft Plus.*
- Update Plugins.
- Update Theme(s).
- Update WordPress version if it's a minor update (6.12 to 6.13).
If it's a major update (ie: 6.1 to 6.2) wait a few days to be sure that the update is stable.
- Deactivate and delete all unused plugins.
- Deactivate and delete all unused themes - keep one WordPress default theme such as Twenty-twenty in case you have a conflict with your theme and you need to deactivate it.

Every two months

- Create a local hosted clone of your WordPress site.
- Create a staging site of a cloned version of your WordPress site.

*When you add a backup plugin, you should do a test restore so that you are sure that you know how to restore your site if it malfunctions.

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