

Walkway Spacing & Layout Cheat Sheet

Confidently measure, space, and lay out a welcoming front path.

Take the guesswork out of your landscaping project with these proven dimensions. Use this guide to create a beautiful, harmonious approach to your home.

● Key Walkway Dimensions

48 inches

minimum width for straight primary entries

2 inches

plantable gaps between stepping stones

12-18 inches

flared landing zone beyond porch steps

6-8 feet

spacing for offset pathway lights

1/4 inch per foot

drainage slope away from the foundation

6 inches

total excavation depth for the trench

Hidden Edge Restraints

Install invisible boundaries just below the soil line. Secure them with 10-inch landscape spikes every two feet to prevent winter frost heave from pushing them upward.



● Curve Width Adjustments

Find your row: **Pathway curve type**

Pathway curve type	Your pick	Why
Straight run	Base minimum	Maintains a standard comfortable stride
Gentle sweep	54 inches wide	Prevents stepping into the mulch
Sharp 90-degree turn	60 inches wide	Accommodates tight pathway bends

● Site & Material Checks

- Select natural flagstones that are at least two inches thick.
- Compact a four-inch crushed gravel base in two separate layers.
- Screed one inch of coarse concrete sand flat before laying stones.
- Test grade pitch using a four-foot level and one-inch block.
- Keep gap soil a half-inch below stones to protect plant crowns.
- Tuck low-voltage lighting cables directly under edging before backfilling.

● Project Notes & Measurements

Enjoy the beautiful, welcoming approach you've created for your home!