

## Checklist for Migrating WordPress Site – Key Points Only

### Pre-Migration

- Take a complete backup of your WordPress files, database, themes, plugins, and media uploads.
- Choose a reliable hosting provider that supports WordPress and offers features like staging environments and automated backups.
- Check plugin and theme compatibility with your new hosting environment.

### Migration Options

- Use migration plugins like **All-in-One WP Migration** or **Duplicator**.
- Perform manual migration using **FTP** and **phpMyAdmin**.

### Steps for Zero Downtime Migration

1. Backup everything
2. Choose the right hosting provider
3. Set up WordPress on the new host
4. Migrate your site files and database
5. Update the wp-config.php file
6. Test on a temporary domain or staging site
7. Update DNS settings
8. Monitor site performance post-migration

### Post-Migration Checklist

- Clear browser, server, and plugin caches
- Update permalinks and resave settings
- Resubmit your sitemap in Google Search Console
- Test all forms, pop-ups, and login functionality
- Set up email/MX records if changed during DNS update

### Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Not backing up properly
- Incorrect file permissions

- Forgetting to update URLs
- Broken internal links and media
- Skipping the staging environment
- Ignoring SEO settings

#### **Full Site Migration Steps**

- Backup files and database
- Choose a reliable new host
- Install WordPress on the new host
- Transfer files via FTP/SFTP
- Export and import the database
- Update wp-config.php
- Search and replace old URLs
- Test the site on a temporary domain
- Update DNS settings
- Clear browser/server cache
- Test everything again post-DNS change
- Monitor uptime and performance
- Resubmit your sitemap to Google Search Console

#### **Advanced Tips**

- Use WP Migrate DB Pro for serialized data
- Test plugins and themes
- Monitor SSL certificate status
- Keep email forwarding and MX records intact during DNS update

#### **Final Tips**

- Stay updated with the latest WordPress versions
- Work with a professional WordPress development company for complex migrations