



# Navigation Mastery Checklist

This resource is designed for drivers and travelers who want to eliminate the stress of getting lost and maximize the efficiency of their trips using Bing Maps. It helps the user systematically prepare their navigation settings before leaving, ensuring a smooth journey. Use this list before planning any significant trip or optimizing a daily commute.

## Before You Start Driving

- **Verify default map settings** Check that the preferred distance units (miles/km) are selected in the general settings to avoid confusion during the drive.
- **Download offline maps** Save the map data for the specific region or state via the Windows Maps app to ensure navigation works without an internet signal.
- **Input specific start and end points** Enter the exact street addresses rather than just city names to ensure the system generates precise Bing Maps directions.
- **Save key locations** Add frequently visited addresses like "Home" or "Office" to the "My Places" or "Collections" tab for one-click access later.

## While Planning the Route

- **Adjust departure time** Set the "Leave at" time to the planned future departure hour to see realistic traffic predictions rather than current conditions.
- **Review route options** Toggle the necessary switches in the "Route options" menu to intentionally avoid tolls, ferries, or highways if desired.
- **Inspect destination with satellite** Switch to the aerial view to visually confirm the building entrance, parking lot layout, or delivery dock before driving.
- **Check Bird's Eye perspective** Use the 45-degree angle view to identify vertical landmarks or distinct architectural features that aid in visual orientation.

## Final Verification Steps

- **Walk the last mile virtually** Engage the Streetside view to look at the storefront or house frontage to recognize it instantly upon arrival.



- **Send directions to mobile** Use the sharing feature to push the finalized route from the desktop interface directly to the smartphone or vehicle.
- **Confirm traffic flow colors** Glance at the color-coded road lines to identify any immediate red zones or accidents on the suggested path.

### Ongoing Maintenance

- **Clear application cache** Reset the browser or app data if the map tiles load slowly or if old routes appear stuck in the history.
- **Update saved collections** Review and delete obsolete addresses from the "Collections" list periodically to keep the interface clean and efficient.
- **Report map errors** Submit feedback through the interface immediately if a missing road or incorrect business listing is encountered to improve future accuracy.