

# Shower Mortar Bed Planning Checklist

Use this checklist to ensure you have everything you need for building a durable and properly sloped shower mortar bed.

- ☒ ■ Pre-measure shower floor dimensions (length, width, drain location)
- ☒ ■ Determine slope (1/4 inch per foot toward the drain)
- ☒ ■ Mark slope reference lines on wall using level and pencil
- ☒ ■ Gather tools: trowel, level, float, buckets, margin trowel, mixer
- ☒ ■ Mix dry pack mortar (sand:cement ratio 4:1 or per product instructions)
- ☒ ■ Apply bonding agent (if needed) to concrete slab before placing mortar
- ☒ ■ Form perimeter screed using mortar and reference marks
- ☒ ■ Fill and pack mortar bed starting from drain out to edges
- ☒ ■ Maintain consistent slope and compact well
- ☒ ■ Smooth surface with steel trowel and check for level/slope
- ☒ ■ Let cure for 24–48 hours before installing waterproofing membrane or tile