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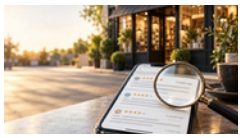


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Your Old Reviews Aren't As Effective As You Think Anymore



A great reputation isn't something you build once. Customers want proof that you're still earning it.

You worked hard for those reviews.

Maybe you've collected 100 of them. Maybe 300. You've got a 4.8-star rating, dozens of glowing comments, and enough five-star reviews that reputation management hasn't felt particularly urgent lately.

There's just one problem.

When were the last five written?

Because the customer checking you out tonight isn't only interested in whether people loved your business two years ago. They want to know what customers are experiencing right now.

And increasingly, they're paying attention to the date.

BrightLocal's 2026 Local Consumer Review Survey found that **74% of consumers seek reviews written within the previous three months.** Even more telling, 44% specifically consider whether reviews were posted within the last month when evaluating reviews.

That changes the way businesses should think about reviews.

A collection of great reviews is still an asset. But reviews aren't trophies you collect, put on a shelf, and admire forever. They're more like a running record of what it's like to do business with you.

And when that record suddenly stops?

Customers notice.

Think about it from their side. You find a business with 237 reviews and a 4.8-star rating. Looks great. Then you sort by newest.

Nothing this month. Nothing last month. You scroll farther and realize the most recent handful are from six or eight months ago.

Now there's a question that wasn't there five seconds earlier:

"Why did the reviews stop?"

Maybe absolutely nothing happened. Maybe the business is every bit as good as it was before. Maybe they simply stopped asking customers for feedback.

But the customer doesn't know that.

That's the problem with an aging reputation. **The stars may stay the same while the confidence behind them slowly fades.**

And that's why getting reviews can't be something you remember to do twice a year.

It needs to become part of how you do business.



Your Reputation **Has a Shelf Life**

An older review can still be useful. Hundreds of positive reviews accumulated over several years tell customers you've served a lot of people and built a solid track record.

But recency answers a different question.

A three-year-old review tells me somebody had a great experience three years ago. A review from last Tuesday tells me somebody had a great experience last Tuesday.

That matters because businesses change.

Employees come and go. Ownership changes. Restaurants get new managers. Contractors change crews. Processes improve. Service can slip. A company that struggled two years ago may be fantastic today, while a business that earned hundreds of glowing reviews under a previous team may no longer deliver the same experience.

Recent reviews help close that information gap.

They're not merely another five stars added to the pile. **They're fresh evidence that the reputation you've built still matches the business you're running today.**



Consistency May Matter **More Than Perfection**

Businesses tend to obsess over their average star rating, and understandably so. But customers aren't necessarily looking for mathematical perfection.

They're looking for patterns.

BrightLocal's 2026 research found that 56% of consumers considered seeing the same positive or negative sentiment across multiple reviews important when deciding whether to use a business. That was higher than the 42% who cited a high overall star rating as important.

That's an important distinction.

One customer saying your staff is incredibly helpful is a compliment. Ten recent customers independently mentioning helpful employees starts to look like part of the culture.

One person praising how quickly you finished the job is nice. A steady stream of people mentioning speed and communication tells a prospective customer what they can probably expect.
Recent consistency turns individual opinions into a pattern.

That's one reason an active review profile can be so powerful. Customers aren't just seeing that people liked you at some point. They're seeing the same strengths confirmed again and again by people who did business with you recently.



Stop Doing **“Review Pushes”**

Here’s a cycle a lot of businesses will recognize.

Someone looks at the Google Business Profile and realizes the company hasn’t received a new review in months.

Everybody springs into action.

Customers are asked. Links get sent. Maybe signs with QR codes appear near the register. The business collects 15 or 20 new reviews, everyone feels good about it...

...and then nobody thinks about reviews again until the profile starts looking stale.

The problem isn’t that the review push didn’t work.

It’s that it worked temporarily.

If customers care about recent experiences, there is no number of reviews you can collect today that permanently solves the problem. Eventually, today’s reviews become old reviews too.

Instead of asking, “How can we get more reviews this month?” ask a better question:

“How do we make customer feedback a normal part of doing business?”

That’s a completely different mindset.





Don’t Just Ask for Reviews. **Ask How You Did.**

This is where businesses can get much more value from the process.

If the only question you ever ask customers is essentially, “Will you leave us a Google review?” you’re treating customer experience as a marketing transaction.

There’s more useful information sitting there.

Give customers an easy way to tell you how things went. Ask while the experience is still fresh. Make it simple enough that responding doesn’t feel like homework. Most importantly, pay attention to what comes back.

You may discover customers love something you’ve barely thought to promote. You may find that one employee gets mentioned constantly. You may notice that people love the finished product but repeated- ly complain about scheduling.

And sometimes you’ll hear from an unhappy customer before you even knew there was a problem.
That’s an opportunity no five-star review can give you.



The point isn’t to steer unhappy people away from public review sites or manufacture a perfect online rating. It’s to create a reliable feedback loop: ask, listen, respond, improve, repeat.

Then make it easy for customers who want to share their experiences

publicly to do that too. Now your reputation process isn’t simply collecting stars. It’s helping you run a better business.

Make Giving Feedback **Ridiculously Easy**

Customers generally aren't opposed to leaving reviews. They just have other things to do.

BrightLocal's 2026 survey found that **94% of consumers were open** to writing a review, while 69% had actually written one during the previous year. That gap represents a simple reality: willingness doesn't always turn into action on its own.

So remove the friction.

Depending on the business, that might mean a short follow-up text, an email after an appointment, a QR code at checkout, a link on a receipt, or another simple method that fits naturally into the customer experience.

Timing matters too. Asking someone about yesterday's service is considerably easier than asking them to remember an ordinary transaction from three weeks ago.

And don't make people hunt.

If someone has to search for your profile, figure out where to click, sign into something, or navigate several screens, you've given them several opportunities to think, I'll do this later.

We all know where "later" usually goes.

Your Customers Are **Giving You Business Intelligence**

There's another payoff that has nothing to do with accumulating stars.

Customers see your business differently than you do.

You may not notice that your appointment instructions are confusing because you've read them 500 times. You don't experience your own hold times. You may not realize how much customers appreciate the person answering your phones or that they're repeatedly frustrated by the same part of your process.

One comment can be an opinion.

Five people mentioning the same thing is something worth investigating.

The same is true of positive feedback. If customers continually praise something you barely advertise, they may have just identified one of your strongest selling points for you.

Feedback isn't only reputation management. It's reconnaissance.

A steady stream of it can help uncover problems earlier, recognize great employees, improve processes, sharpen marketing messages, and show you what customers actually value.

That's considerably more useful than simply watching a number move from 4.7 to 4.8.





Your Reputation **Is Never Finished**

Your old five-star reviews still matter. They helped build the reputation you have today, and they continue to show prospective customers that you've delivered good experiences over time.

They just can't carry the whole story forever.

Customers want new evidence. New experiences. New people confirming that the business they're considering today still deserves the reputation it earned yesterday.

So don't wait until your reviews look stale and launch another desperate review push.

Find a way to make feedback an ongoing part of doing business. Ask consistently. Make responding easy. Listen to what customers tell you. Fix what needs fixing. Pay attention to what's working. And give customers a simple opportunity to share their experiences.

Because a strong reputation isn't something you finish building.

It's something you keep earning.



Your customers have gotten used to things being easy. They can order dinner in a few taps, track a package in real time, book a hotel at midnight, get a reminder before an appointment, and pay a bill from the couch without ever talking to another human being.

Then they call a local business.

It rings six times. Voicemail. They leave a message. Maybe somebody calls back tomorrow.
Welcome to 2007.

That contrast matters more than most business owners realize. Customers are not only comparing you to the plumber, dentist, restaurant, attorney or landscaper down the street anymore. They are comparing the experience of dealing with you to every smooth, convenient company they interact with all week long.

Amazon. Uber. DoorDash. Their bank. Their pharmacy. The restaurant they booked last night.

No, your roofing company does not need to become Amazon. Nobody expects your HVAC com- pany to launch an app or your landscaper to start sending push notifications every time somebody unloads a mower.

But customers do expect the basics to feel easy now: fast replies, simple booking, clear next steps, useful updates and painless payment.

That sounds like a high bar when you compare yourself to billion-dollar companies with armies of developers. It really isn't.

You do not need a giant tech stack or some guy named Trevor with "UX Strategist" in his LinkedIn headline.

You just need to remove the little frustrations that make customers work harder than they should.

Here are seven places to start.



1. Respond Before They Have *Time to Move On*

Speed matters more than most local businesses think.

When someone fills out a form, sends a message or leaves a voicemail, there is a very good chance they are contacting more than one company. Every hour you wait gives somebody else a chance to look more responsive, more organized and easier to deal with.

That does not mean you need to personally drop everything and answer every inquiry in 45 seconds. It means the customer should get some kind of immediate acknowledgement.

Set up an automatic reply for contact forms, DMs and missed calls that confirms you received the message, tells them when to expect a response and gives them something useful to do in the meantime.

"Got your message. We normally respond within an hour. If you'd like, you can grab a time here while you wait."

Simple. Useful. Reassuring. And infinitely better than silence.

2. Let Them Book *Without Starting* a Phone-Tag Tournament

There is a growing group of customers who would rather reorganize a junk drawer than make a phone call to schedule something.

They are not antisocial.

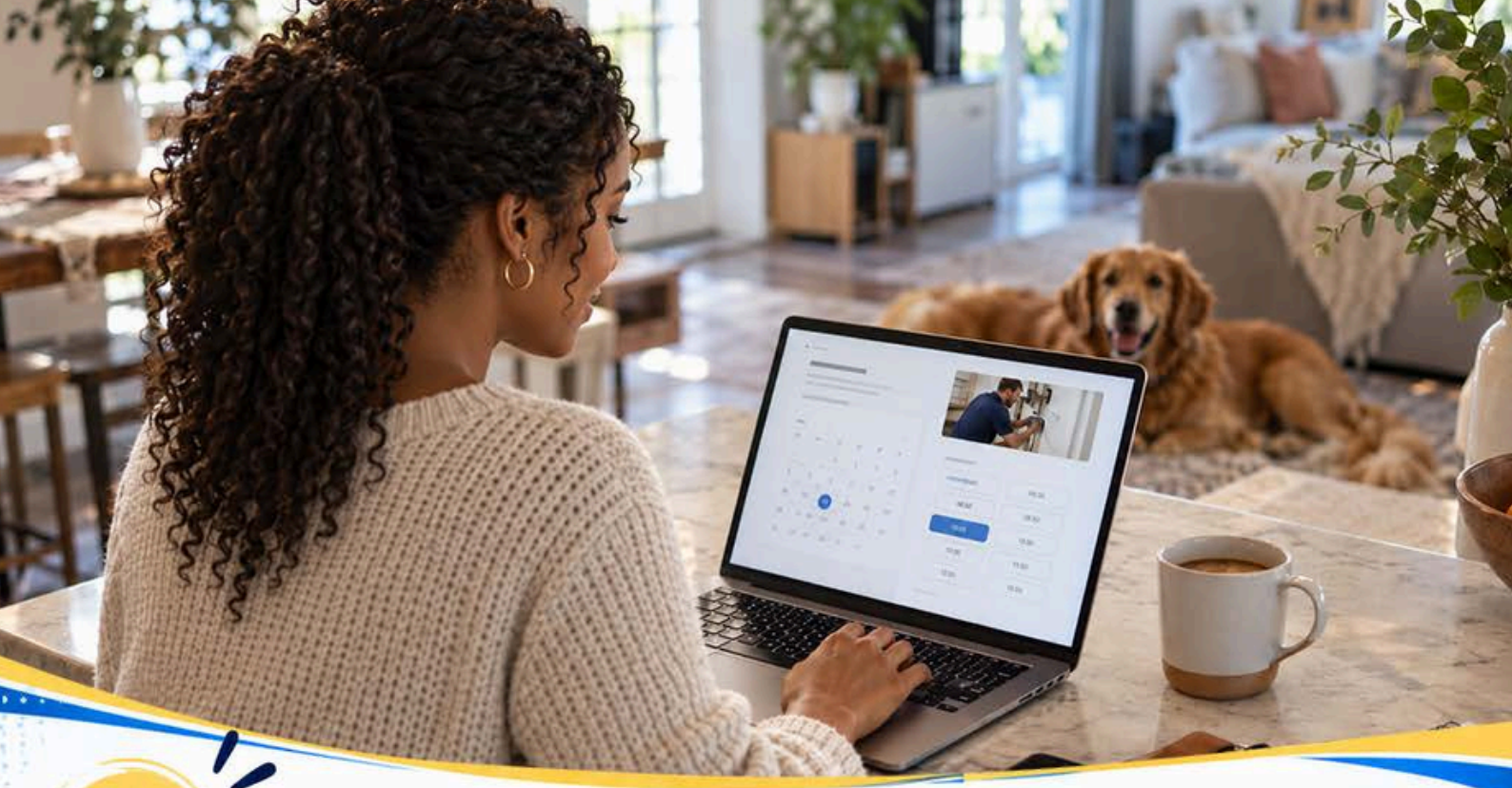
They just live in 2026.

If your business can reasonably allow customers to book online, let them. Consultations, estimates, haircuts, oil changes, grooming appointments, reservations and plenty of routine services do not always require a three-round voicemail tournament.

You still control your availability. The customer gets to book at 11:47 p.m. from the couch when they finally remember.

Everybody wins.

And if you already offer online booking, make sure the button is easy to find. Hiding it somewhere under "About Us" beside the founder's life story does not count.



3. Make the Customer Feel Like Something Is *Actually Happening*

Silence after booking creates uncertainty.

They submitted the form. They think they are scheduled. They are pretty sure you got it. Maybe.

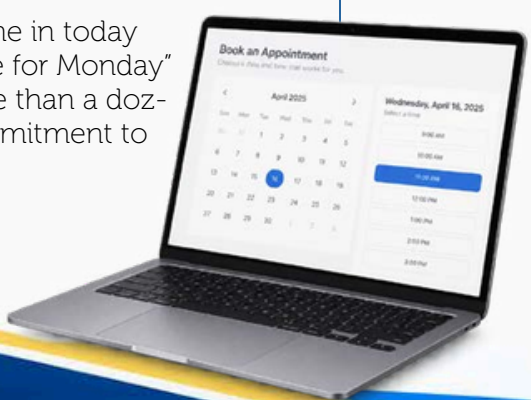
Do not make them wonder.

Send an immediate confirmation with the date, time, location, what happens next and how to reach you if something changes. Then send a reminder before the appointment.

This is not fancy customer experience technology. It is basic reassurance.

The same rule applies after estimates, deposits, repairs, installations and anything else where there is a waiting period. Customers do not need a minute-by-minute documentary. They just want to know they have not been forgotten.

A quick "Your materials came in today and we are still on schedule for Monday" can do more for confidence than a dozen slogans about your commitment to service.



4. Tell Them When You're On Your Way

"Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m." is not an appointment window.

It is a hostage situation.

If you are driving to a customer's home or business, send a quick text when you leave.

> *"Hey Sarah, this is Mike from ABC Plumbing. Heading your way now. I should be there around 10:20."*

That takes about 15 seconds.

And suddenly the customer can take a shower, walk the dog, run to the store or do literally anything besides stare through the blinds waiting for your truck to appear.

If your software can automate this, great. If not, your thumbs probably still work.

Customers notice this stuff because it respects their time.



5. Make Paying You *Embarrassingly Easy*

Once someone has decided to give you money, maybe do not introduce an obstacle course.

Printed invoices. Checks. Phone calls during office hours. Account creation. Forgotten passwords. Email verification. Security questions apparently designed by the CIA.

Enough.

Whenever possible, give customers a simple payment link that works on their phone. Let them tap it, pay and move on with their life.

Put the link in the invoice email. Send it by text. Add a payment button to your website if it makes sense for your business.

The easier you make it to pay you, the faster you tend to get paid.

Funny how that works.



6. Follow Up After the Job *Without Immediately Asking for Something*

Here is a remarkably simple move that most businesses still skip: check in after the work is finished.

- Not to upsell.
- Not to ask for a referral.
- Not to hit them with a review request before the technician has even left the driveway.

Just ask whether everything turned out the way they expected.

"Hey Tom, just checking in. Everything looking good with the repair?"

That little message does a lot. It gives you a chance to catch problems early, shows the customer you care about the result and makes the business feel more personal.

And yes, if they respond with "Everything is great," that creates a very natural opportunity to ask for a review.

Timing matters.

Caring first tends to work better than immediately sticking your hand out.



7. Communicate the Way They *Prefer*

Some customers want a phone call. Some want a text. Some prefer email. Some will happily conduct an entire business relationship through Instagram messages if that is where they found you.

Instead of forcing everybody into your favorite communication channel, ask one simple question early:

"What's the best way to reach you?"

Then use it.

Confirmations, reminders, updates and follow-ups should go where the customer is actually likely to see them.

It sounds almost laughably simple, but that is exactly why it works. Most businesses communicate the way that is easiest for the business.

The better experience is communicating the way that is easiest for the customer.



The *Bottom Line*

Nobody is asking you to build an app, hire a customer-success department or spend your weekend redesigning every process in the company.

The businesses that feel dramatically easier to work with usually are not doing anything exotic. They respond quickly. They make booking simple. They keep customers informed. They respect people's time. They make payment painless. They follow up like they actually care.

Most of this costs very little. Some of it costs nothing.

And together, these small improvements can completely change how a customer feels about doing business with you.

Because when two companies offer roughly the same service at roughly the same price, the one that makes everything easier has a serious advantage.

Your competitor may still be calling people back tomorrow afternoon.

That gives you plenty of room to look better before the job even starts.

THE $10/DAY FACEBOOK AD STRATEGY THAT ACTUALLY GENERATES LOCAL LEADS

Let's get something out of the way immediate- ly: you do not need a big budget to generate real leads from Facebook ads. You need a correct setup. Those are two completely different things — and most local businesses that have tried Facebook ads and given up were not underspending. They were doing it wrong.

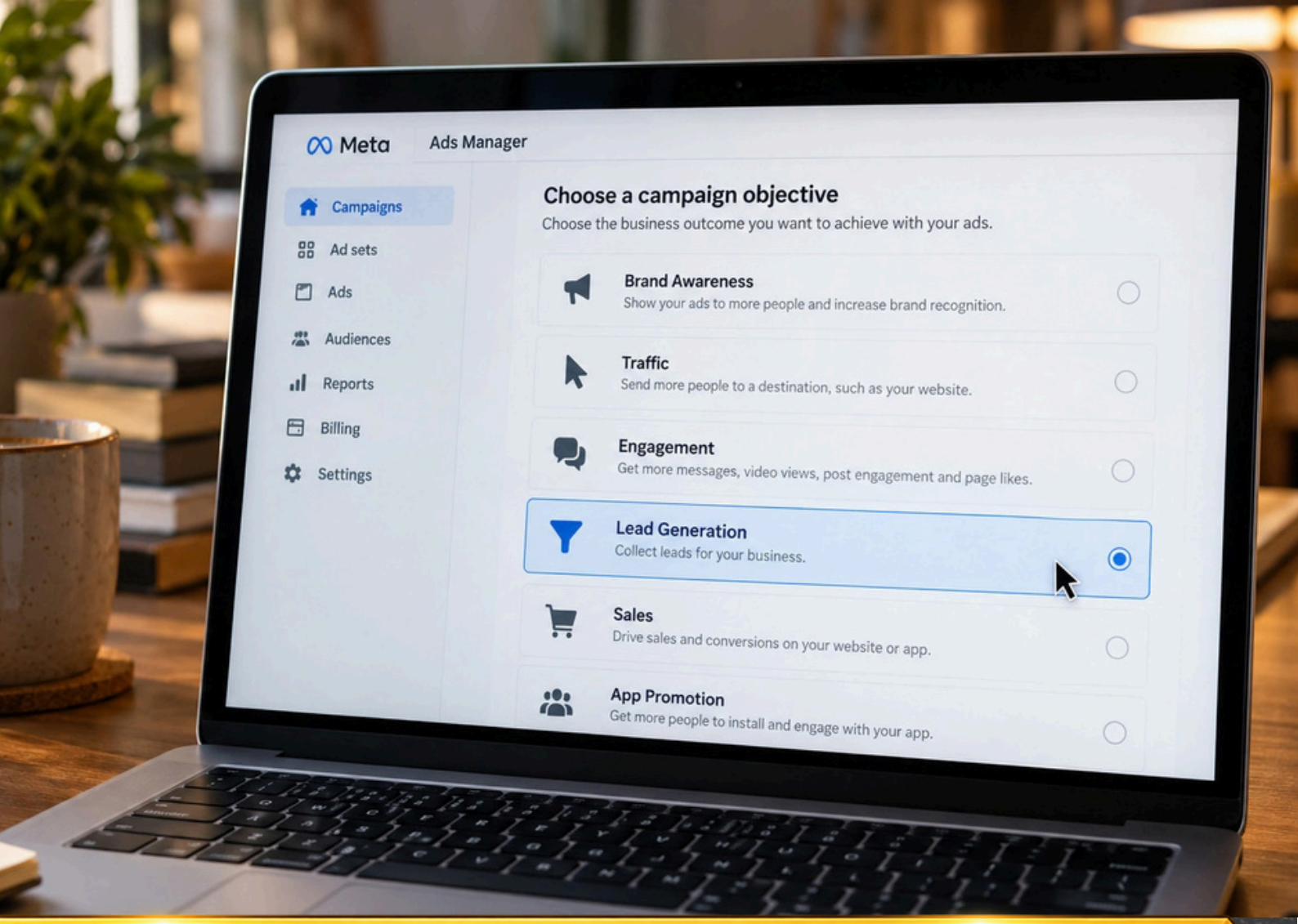
$10 a day done correctly will outperform $100 a day done wrong every single time. The difference is not budget. It's structure, audience, creative, and offer — in that order. Most people build their campaigns in the exact opposite order and then blame the plat- form when nothing happens.







HERE'S THE SETUP
THAT ACTUALLY WORKS.



START WITH THE RIGHT OBJECTIVE — THIS IS WHERE MOST PEOPLE LOSE BEFORE THEY BEGIN

Open Meta Ads Manager andthe first thing it asksyou is whatyourcampaign objectiveis.Mostlocal businesses click "Traffic" because they want people to visit their website, or "Engagement" because they want likes and comments. Both are wrong.

> Your objective is Lead Generation. **Full stop.**

Traffic campaigns are optimized to get clicks, not leads. Facebook will show your ad to the people most likely to click it, which is not the same as the people most likely to hire you. Lead Generation campaigns are optimized to get form submissions. Facebook shows your ad to the people in your audience who have historically submitted lead forms. That distinction alone is why two identical ads with two different objectives produce completely different results.

The Lead Generation objective also unlocks Facebook's native lead forms, which means custom- ers can submit their name, phone number, and request without ever leaving the app. No website needed. No landing page to build. No slow-loading page to lose them on. They tap, they fill out three fields, they're done. You get a notification. This is the single most important structural decision in your entire campaign.



BUILD ONE AUDIENCE, NOT FIVE

New Facebook advertisersmake the same mistake: they create multiple ad sets targeting different audiences, split their $10/day budget across all of them, and each ad set gets $2/day — which is not enough for Facebook's algorithm to learn anything. The result is a campaign that never optimizes and a business owner who concludes that Facebook ads don't work.

One ad set. One audience. Let it run.

For a local service business your audience setup is simple:

LOCATION	A 10 to 15 mile radius around your business or service area. Not your entire state. Not your entire city if you're in a major metro. The neighborhood radius where you actually want to work.
AGE	Be specific. A fence installation company knows their customer is a homeowner, not a college student. Set 30-65. A mobile detailing shop targeting car enthusiasts might set 25-55. Think about who actually hires you and set the range accordingly. The default 18-65 is lazy and wastes money on people who will never call you.
INTERESTS	One or two maximum. Homeownership for home services. Pet owners for a mobile groomer. Car enthusiasts for a detailer. Don't stack ten interests thinking more targeting equals better results, it actually restricts Facebook's ability to find the right people within your radius.
EXCLUSION	Add a custom audience of your existing customers and exclude them. You're not paying to advertise to people who already hired you.

That's your audience. Set it and leave it alone for at least two weeks before making any changes.



THE CREATIVE THAT ACTUALLY STOPS THE SCROLL

Here is what does not work: a designed graphic with your logo, yourphone number, a stock photo of a smiling family, and the words "Quality Service You Can Trust." Every local business in every market has run that ad. Nobody stops for it anymore.

Here is what works: a phone-filmed video of a real job. Fifteen to thirty seconds. No script. No professional voiceover. No logo intro that eats the first five seconds before anything interesting happens.

A pressure washing company films a slow pan across a driveway — left half dirty, right half freshly cleaned — and posts it as a Facebook ad. A floor coating company films a 20-second walkthrough of a garage floor they just finished, phone in hand, no narration. A pet groomer films a before-and-after of a golden retriever — matted going in, fluffy and clean coming out. These videos cost nothing to produce and they stop the scroll cold because they show proof instead of making claims.

The first two seconds are everything. Facebook's algorithm decides whether to keep showing your ad based largely on how many people watch past the two-second mark. Don't start with your name or your logo. Start with the most visually compelling moment of the job — the transformation, the dramatic before, the satisfying finished result.

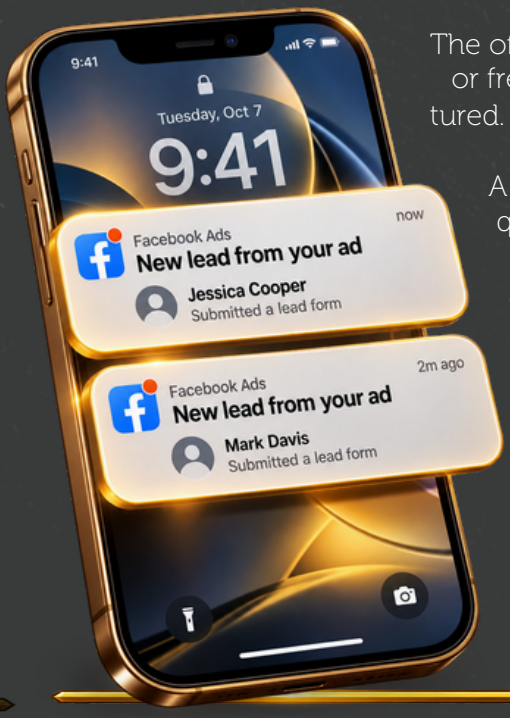
Turn captions on. 85% of Facebook video is watched on mute. If your ad only works with sound, most people will scroll past it.





THE OFFER THAT CONVERTS WITHOUT TRAINING PEOPLE TO WAIT FOR DISCOUNTS

Your offer is what you're giving people a reason to raise their hand right now. Most local businesses either have no offer — just a "contact us" request — or they discount, which attracts the wrong customers and trains people to wait for a sale.



The offer that works for almost any local service business is a free estimate or free consultation — framed around urgency that's real, not manufactured.

A collision repair shop: "We're currently booking out 3 weeks — request your free estimate now to hold your spot."

A fence installation company: "Fall is our busiest season — request your free quote this week while we still have October availability."

An irrigation specialist: "Winterization season fills up fast — get on our schedule now before we're booked out."

None of these are discounts. None of them feel desperate. They're honest, specific, and they give someone a real reason to act today instead of saving the tab and forgetting about it.



THE LEAD FORM SETUP THAT CLOSES THE LOOP

Inside Meta Ads Manager, under your Lead Generationcampaign,you'llbuild a nativelead form. Keep it to three fieldsmaximum: first name, phonenumber,andonequalifying question "What service are you interested in?" or "What's your zip code?"

Every field beyond three cuts your conversion rate. People are on their phones. They have limited patience. Make it fast.

The critical piece most people miss: connect your lead form to an automatic text message that fires within 60 seconds of submission. Use Zapier, free plan is sufficient, to connect your Facebook Lead form to a text notification. The moment someone submits, they get a text: "Hey [Name], thanks for reaching out — we'll call you within the hour to get you scheduled. Questions? Reply here." That automation alone will dramatically improve how many of those leads actually convert into jobs, because 78% of customers hire the first business that responds.

THE COPY FORMULA THAT WORKS IN UNDER 100 WORDS

Youradcopy doesn'tneed tobe long.Itneeds tobe clear.Here'stheformula:

Line 1: Name the problem your customer has right now.
Line 2: Tell them what you do about it.
Line 3: State the offer and how to claim it.

Example for a mobile dog grooming business:

"Your dog is overdue for a groom and most salons are booked out for weeks. We come to you, usually within 48 hours. Request your free quote below and we'll reach out same day to schedule." That's it. No fluff. No "quality service since 2009." No list of every service you offer. One problem, one solution, one action.



THE MATH, WHAT TO ACTUALLY EXPECT

At $10/day you're spending $300/month. For mostlocalservicebusinessesa realistic cost per lead runs between$8 and $25 depending on your market,yourcreative,andyour offer. That's 12 to 37 leads per month from a single $10/day campaign.

A fence company that closes 1 in 4 leads at an average job value of $3,500 is generating $10,500 to $32,375 in revenue from a $300 ad spend. The math works. The setup has to be right first.

Give any new campaign at least two weeks before making changes. Facebook's algorithm needs time to learn who in your audience is most likely to convert. The first week is almost always the most expensive. The second week gets cheaper as the algorithm optimizes. Most people quit after five days and conclude the platform doesn't work.



THE BOTTOM LINE

The $10/day Facebookad strategy that actually works is not complicated. Lead Generation objective. One tight local audience. Phone-filmed video of real work. A free estimate offer with real urgency. A native lead form with three fields. An automatic text follow-up within 60 seconds.

That's the whole system. It fits in an afternoon to set up. It runs while you're on the job. And it generates leads at a cost that makes the math work for almost any local service business, without a marketing team, without a big budget, and without any of the guesswork that makes most Facebook ad campaigns a waste of money.

MOBILE ISN'T JUST THE SMALLER VERSION OF YOUR WEBSITE ANYMORE



A mobile-friendly website fits on a phone. A mobile-first website understands why someone picked up the phone in the first place.

For years, "mobile-friendly" was the standard businesses were told to meet. Make sure the website shrinks properly. Use responsive design. Don't make people pinch and zoom. Check the box.

That's no longer enough.

BrightLocal's 2026 consumer research found that 73% of consumers began their most **recent search for a local business on a mobile phone.** Only 19% started on a computer.

For most local businesses, mobile isn't the secondary version of the customer experience anymore. **It's the front door.**

The problem is that many businesses still build a website for a person sitting at a desk, then rearrange the same experience until it fits on a smaller screen. Everything may technically work, but that doesn't mean it works particularly well.

The better question isn't, "Does our website work on mobile?"

It's "How quickly can someone accomplish what they came here to do?"

That small change in thinking can completely change how you design the mobile experience.

YOUR MOBILE VISITOR HAS A JOB TO DO

Mobile visitors are often highly task-oriented. They want to know whether you're open, whether you provide a particular service, how much something costs, where you're located, whether you have availability, or how quickly they can talk to someone.

Yet many websites make them work for those answers.

Before worrying about colors, animations or whether your homepage looks impressive, identify the three or four actions that matter most to mobile customers.

For a restaurant, that might be Menu, Directions, Call and Reserve. For a plumber: Call, Emergency Service and Request Service. For a dentist: Book, Call and Directions.

Those actions deserve priority.

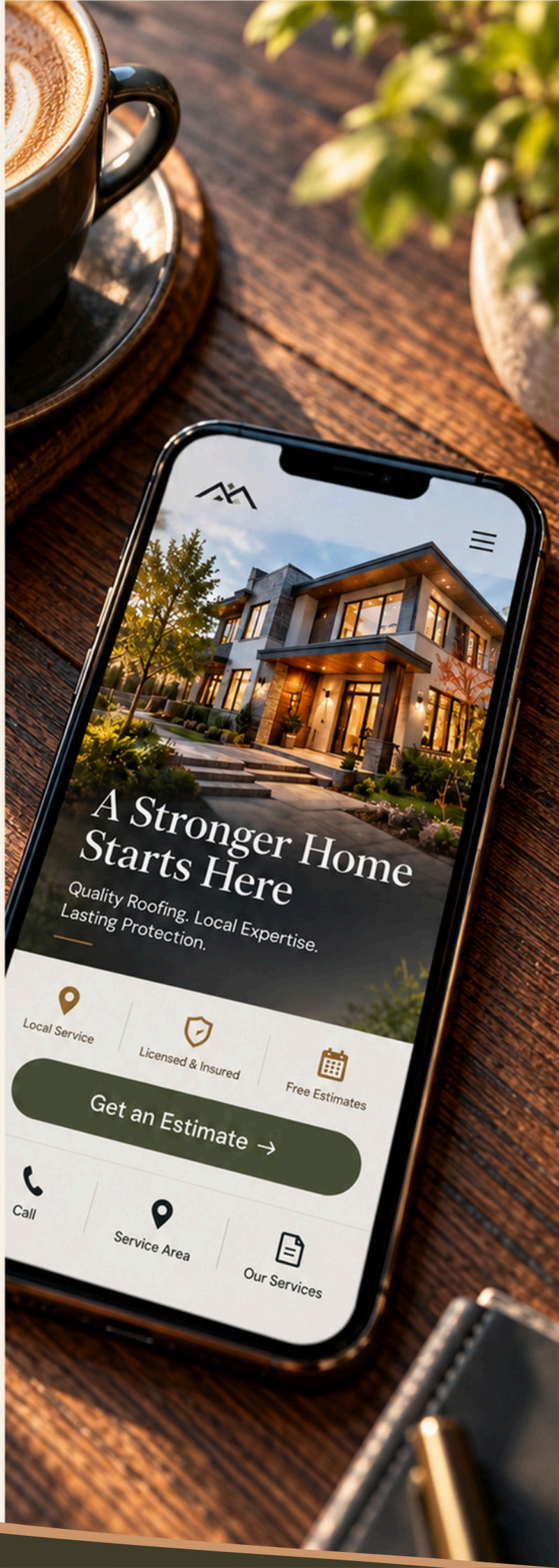
One useful test is the 10-second screen: within roughly ten seconds of arriving, can a visitor answer three questions?

Am I in the right place? Do they do what I need? What should I do next?

That doesn't mean cramming everything above the fold. It means giving customers enough information to confidently take the next step.

The same principle applies after every tap. If someone taps "Emergency Plumbing," the next screen should immediately confirm that they're looking at emergency plumbing—not begin with three paragraphs about your company's history.

Every tap creates an expectation. The next screen **should confirm it quickly.**



DESIGN FOR A HAND, NOT JUST A SCREEN

Responsive design thinks about screen dimensions. Better mobile design thinks about the hand holding the screen.

A mouse can precisely click a tiny link. A thumb can't. Buttons need enough room around them to prevent accidental taps, and the most important actions should be easy to reach.

For call-driven businesses, a simple sticky bar at the bottom of the screen can be extremely effective: Call | Directions | Book | Quote. It keeps high-value actions within thumb reach even after someone has scrolled deep into a page.

Notice what's missing: About Us. Careers. Blog.

Those pages may matter, but they don't deserve equal mobile real estate simply because they're part of the desktop navigation.

Mobile also has capabilities desktop websites don't. Use them.

Phone numbers should initiate calls. Addresses should open navigation. Date fields should use appropriate mobile controls. Email fields should trigger the email keyboard. If photos would help qualify a lead, let customers upload one directly from their phone.

A roofer could let someone send a picture of storm damage. An auto body shop could accept a photo of a dent. A landscaper could let a homeowner photograph the yard.

That's mobile-first thinking:
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REMOVE STEPS NOBODY NEEDS

Every unnecessary action is more expensive on a phone.

Forms are a perfect example. If someone wants an estimate, do you really need their full mailing address, preferred contact method, budget, referral source and seven details about the project before you'll talk to them?

Often, you need a name, a way to reach them and enough information to understand what they need.

Get the conversation started. Collect the rest when it becomes relevant.

The same principle applies throughout the site. Replace vague buttons like "Learn More" and "Contact Us" with actions that tell people exactly what happens next: **Check Availability. See Today's Menu. Send a Photo. Get Directions. Request an Estimate.**

And think about the small decisions that happen before the big one.

Someone may not be ready to hire a contractor yet. First they need to know: Do you service my neighborhood? Do you work Saturdays? Do you repair this brand? What's the typical price range?

Answer those micro-decisions quickly and you earn the opportunity to answer the next one.

This is also why hiding every price can create unnecessary friction. You may not be able to quote a job online, but "Most repairs fall between $X and $Y" or "Pricing depends primarily on these three factors" gives a mobile researcher something useful without pretending every job costs the same.





STOP LOOKING AT YOUR MOBILE SITE. TRY TO BUY FROM IT.

Most businessestest their websitesunderunrealistically perfect conditions: sitting atadesk,connected to fast Wi-Fi, already knowing whereeverythingis. Try something different.

Turn off Wi-Fi. Use your non-dominant hand. Stand outside. Now give yourself a realistic customer task: Find out whether this company can come today. Book an appointment for Tuesday. Find the vege- tarian entrées. Get directions. Request an estimate. Better yet, hand the phone to someone unfamiliar with your website, give them a task and don't help them.

Watch where they hesitate.

That's where your friction lives.

Then measure the same behaviors instead of simply celebrating mobile traffic. Track mobile calls, direction clicks, form starts versus completions, book- ing starts versus completions and other actions that actually matter to your business.

A responsive website asks, "Does this page fit on a phone?"

A great mobile experience asks, "Does this page understand why someone picked up their phone?" That's the standard worth designing for.

Because the best mobile website isn't necessarily the prettiest or the most technologically impressive.

It's the one that getsthecustomer from"I need this" to "I've got it handled" with the least fric- tion possible.



DO YOUR CURRENT MARKETING RESULTS SCARE YOU?

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