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PLUMBING BUSINESS GROWTH GUIDE

17-Point Plumbing Marketing Checklist

A practical client companion to the complete Marketing Vines article - built to help you evaluate your brand, local presence, and lead-generation system.

BRANDING • WEB DESIGN • SEO • LOCAL VISIBILITY

A Marketing Vines resource for plumbing and home-service companies

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Find the gaps that matter most

Work through all 17 sections and check only what is genuinely in place. Do not try to fix everything at once. Strengthen the foundation, build visibility, then scale the channels producing the right calls, leads, and booked jobs.

14-17 **Strong foundation**

Optimize, scale, and protect what is already working.

9-13 **Good progress**

Several meaningful growth opportunities remain.

0-8 **Build the foundation**

Fix the essentials before adding more advertising or complexity.

THE ORDER OF OPERATIONS

1 **FOUNDATION**

Brand, website, tracking,
Google profile, reviews

2 **VISIBILITY**

SEO, local search, useful
content, AI-ready business
facts

3 **GROWTH**

Ads, LSAs, referrals,
neighborhood visibility,
follow-up

1 Build a Plumbing Brand Homeowners Remember

WHY IT MATTERS A consistent, professional brand helps homeowners recognize your company, trust it faster, and remember who to call.

- ☐ Our logo is professional, recognizable, and readable on a phone, truck, uniform, and sign.
- ☐ Our colors and typography stay consistent across every customer touchpoint.
- ☐ We have primary, horizontal, vertical, icon, favicon, and alternate logo files.
- ☐ We keep print-ready and digital files for vehicles, apparel, signage, social media, and stationery.
- ☐ Our website, Google profile, social profiles, estimates, invoices, and printed materials look related.
- ☐ The overall brand feels established before a homeowner ever speaks with us.

NEXT MOVE Fix brand inconsistency before paying to put that inconsistency in front of more people.

2 Build a Website That Turns Visits Into Jobs

WHY IT MATTERS Your website should quickly explain what you do, build trust, and make the next step obvious - especially on mobile.

- ☐ The site is fast, secure, mobile-friendly, and easy to navigate.
- ☐ Major plumbing services and priority service areas have useful dedicated pages.
- ☐ The phone number, click-to-call buttons, and short quote forms are easy to find.
- ☐ Reviews, credentials, warranties, real photos, and team information build confidence.
- ☐ Internal links guide visitors among services, locations, helpful content, and contact options.
- ☐ Analytics track calls, forms, and other meaningful conversion actions.

NEXT MOVE Review the site on your phone as if you had an active leak and had never heard of the company.

3 Use SEO to Win the Plumbing Work You Want

WHY IT MATTERS SEO connects your real services with the searches homeowners are already making.

- ☐ We know which services are most important to grow and have strong pages for them.
- ☐ Priority pages use clear titles, H1s, supporting headings, useful copy, images, and internal links.
- ☐ We target realistic service-and-location searches instead of asking one homepage to rank for everything.
- ☐ Search engines and customers can understand how services, locations, and articles relate.
- ☐ We monitor indexing, broken links, redirects, mobile performance, impressions, clicks, and rankings.
- ☐ We publish useful supporting content and give meaningful SEO changes time to work.

NEXT MOVE Prioritize pages tied to the jobs you want most, not keywords with the largest volume.

4 Strengthen Local SEO and Google Maps Visibility

WHY IT MATTERS For a service-area business, visibility in the right cities matters far more than national exposure.

- ☐ Our Google Business Profile is complete, accurate, active, and aligned with our current services.
- ☐ Our business name, address, phone, website, hours, and categories are consistent.
- ☐ We maintain accurate citations on reputable directories and relevant platforms.
- ☐ Service areas are supported with genuinely useful website content, not a list of city names.
- ☐ We earn legitimate reviews consistently and monitor local visibility in priority markets.
- ☐ Multiple locations, when legitimate, each have accurate profiles and relevant website support.

NEXT MOVE Choose the markets you truly want, then align the website, listings, reviews, and local strategy around them.

5 Use Google Ads for High-Intent Searches

WHY IT MATTERS Search ads can reach homeowners when they need help now, but success should be measured in qualified opportunities.

- ☐ Campaigns separate the services and locations we actually want to grow.
- ☐ Budget focuses on high-intent searches rather than broad, low-value traffic.
- ☐ Each ad lands on a page that matches the service and homeowner need.
- ☐ Geographic targeting stays inside the area we can realistically serve.
- ☐ Calls and forms are tracked, and search terms plus negative keywords are reviewed.
- ☐ Lead quality and booked work guide budget decisions - not clicks alone.

NEXT MOVE Before increasing budget, inspect search terms, landing pages, offers, service areas, and call handling.

6 Test Google Local Services Ads

WHY IT MATTERS LSAs can add another high-intent path for nearby homeowners, but they should remain one channel in a broader system.

- ☐ Our licensing, screening, profile, service categories, and service-area details are current.
- ☐ Incoming calls and messages are answered or handled quickly.
- ☐ We track which leads become estimates, appointments, or jobs whenever possible.
- ☐ We judge the channel by lead quality, not only lead count.
- ☐ Reviews and the rest of our online reputation support customer trust.
- ☐ We compare LSAs with ads, organic search, Maps, referrals, and repeat business.

NEXT MOVE Test, measure, and adjust LSAs; do not make them the entire lead-generation plan.

7 Build a Repeatable Review System

WHY IT MATTERS Reviews influence trust, conversion, reputation, and often local visibility.

- ☐ Satisfied customers receive a direct Google review link at an appropriate time.
- ☐ QR codes, review cards, texts, or emails make the process simple on a phone.
- ☐ Recent customer reviews appear clearly on the website.
- ☐ Our team can ask naturally without pressuring customers.
- ☐ We respond professionally to positive and negative feedback.
- ☐ With permission and attribution, strong reviews support service pages, ads, and social content.

NEXT MOVE Make the process easy enough for a happy customer to complete in one or two minutes.

8 Use Email Text and AI Tools to Stay Connected

WHY IT MATTERS Good communication improves professionalism, customer experience, follow-up, and repeat business.

- ☐ We use branded business email rather than a personal Gmail- or Yahoo-style address.
- ☐ Estimates, invoices, confirmations, and follow-ups reinforce the same company brand.
- ☐ Past customers receive useful reminders, tips, thank-you messages, and review requests.
- ☐ Texts support practical updates and marketing texts include consent and opt-out controls.
- ☐ An AI chatbot, if used, answers basics, gathers lead details, and offers a clear human next step.
- ☐ Automation supports staff and customers instead of adding friction.

NEXT MOVE Keep every tool that makes it easier for a real customer to get help; simplify the rest.

9 Create Helpful Plumbing Content

WHY IT MATTERS Useful content can answer questions early, strengthen service pages, and demonstrate real expertise.

- ☐ Topics come from questions heard on calls, service visits, and estimates.
- ☐ We cover warning signs, maintenance, pricing factors, common myths, and repair-versus-replace decisions.
- ☐ Each article answers the question before trying to sell something.
- ☐ Articles link naturally to the relevant service page and contact path.
- ☐ Real photos, technician insight, local examples, and firsthand experience improve usefulness.
- ☐ We favor quality and search intent over keyword stuffing or an arbitrary publishing schedule.

NEXT MOVE Write down the ten questions your plumbers and office staff hear most often.

10 Improve Visibility in AI Search

WHY IT MATTERS AI-powered discovery relies on a clear, consistent, trustworthy digital footprint that can be understood and verified.

- ☐ The website clearly states who we are, what we do, where we work, and how to contact us.
- ☐ Important services have enough specific information to be understood accurately.
- ☐ Website, Google profile, citations, reviews, and public business details stay consistent.
- ☐ Real team, service, company, and location facts replace vague marketing language.
- ☐ Helpful content, legitimate reviews, relevant backlinks, and community mentions build authority.
- ☐ We treat AI visibility as an extension of strong SEO, not a guaranteed shortcut.

NEXT MOVE Check your company and priority services in search and AI tools; record what is missing, unclear, or inconsistent.

11 Use Social Media to Keep the Brand Visible

WHY IT MATTERS Social media can build familiarity and proof that your company is active, even when it is not the main source of urgent leads.

- ☐ Profiles use the same logo, colors, name, phone number, website, and contact details.
- ☐ We share real work when customer privacy and permission allow it.
- ☐ Content includes projects, installations, repairs, team updates, new trucks, and homeowner tips.
- ☐ One completed job can support several useful posts without becoming repetitive.
- ☐ Trust, relevance, and consistency matter more than vanity follower counts.
- ☐ Every profile makes it easy to visit the website or contact the business.

NEXT MOVE Document real work first; authentic photos and useful information beat constant invented content.

12 Build Local Referral Partnerships

WHY IT MATTERS Trusted local businesses often encounter the same homeowners before or after a plumbing need.

- ☐ We identify non-competing partners such as realtors, inspectors, property managers, and remodelers.
- ☐ We also consider restoration, HVAC, electrical, landscaping, tree, and plumbing-supply partners.
- ☐ Partners understand our services, service areas, preferred jobs, and best contact method.
- ☐ Cards, service sheets, or a direct contact make referrals easy.
- ☐ We return helpful referrals when it genuinely benefits the customer.
- ☐ Chambers, referral groups, trade groups, sponsorships, and community involvement fit our market.

NEXT MOVE List five local businesses that regularly serve the same homeowners you want to reach.

13 Use Trucks Signs and Neighborhood Marketing

WHY IT MATTERS Your trucks and completed jobs already create valuable visibility in the exact neighborhoods you want to serve.

- ☐ Vehicles are clean, professional, recognizable, and easy to read quickly.
- ☐ Wraps or lettering show the logo, company name, website, and phone number clearly.
- ☐ With permission, yard signs and door hangers are used appropriately around active jobs.
- ☐ Neighborhood messaging stays simple, relevant, and compliant with local rules.
- ☐ Cards, magnets, service stickers, and reminders give customers something useful to keep.
- ☐ Printed materials match the website, vehicles, uniforms, and broader brand.

NEXT MOVE Look at the next ten neighborhoods your trucks enter and ask what nearby homeowners can actually notice and remember.

14 Track Calls Forms Leads and Booked Jobs

WHY IT MATTERS Marketing improves when channels can be connected to customer actions and, when possible, actual revenue.

- ☐ Calls, forms, quote requests, appointments, and click-to-call actions are measured.
- ☐ Ads, LSAs, organic search, Google Maps, referrals, and repeat customers are separated where possible.
- ☐ We know which pages, services, locations, and campaigns produce the best opportunities.
- ☐ We trace the path from discovery to visit, lead, follow-up, and booked job.
- ☐ Investment follows lead quality and business value, not traffic alone.
- ☐ We also inspect operational bottlenecks such as missed calls, slow follow-up, scheduling, and capacity.

NEXT MOVE Choose one recent month and trace as many leads as possible from source to outcome.

15 Build a Lead System Not One Lead Source

WHY IT MATTERS A durable strategy gives customers several ways to discover, trust, and contact the company.

- ☐ We can identify our major lead sources and are not almost entirely dependent on one.
- ☐ Our mix may include SEO, Maps, ads, LSAs, reviews, referrals, repeat customers, and local recognition.
- ☐ We understand that several touchpoints may influence a single call.
- ☐ Referral leads still use the website, reviews, and business information to validate us.
- ☐ The system targets profitable, desirable services and markets - not raw lead volume.
- ☐ We can remain discoverable if an ad cost, ranking, algorithm, or referral source changes.

NEXT MOVE Map every current lead source. If one vanished tomorrow, would the business still have several paths to growth?

16 Test Focused Plumber Advertising Ideas

WHY IT MATTERS The right mix depends on your services, market, capacity, season, and customer demand.

- ☐ We advertise specific services we want more of, not only the generic word plumbing.
- ☐ Google Ads serves high-intent demand; Meta can support awareness, offers, retargeting, or launches.
- ☐ Direct mail, local publications, referral programs, and sponsorships are tested where appropriate.
- ☐ Messaging adapts to timing, weather, season, customer need, and company capacity.
- ☐ The team has enough trucks, technicians, schedule space, and follow-up ability for the demand created.
- ☐ Budgets move toward channels producing stronger calls, leads, booked work, and business value.

NEXT MOVE Choose one service you truly want more of and build a focused, measurable test around it.

17 Turn the Checklist Into a 90 Day Plan

WHY IT MATTERS Do not launch all 17 ideas at once. Build the foundation first, strengthen visibility next, then scale proven channels.

- ☐ Days 1-30: Fix brand consistency, mobile usability, navigation, calls to action, and forms.
- ☐ Days 1-30: Verify the Google profile, citations, contact details, service areas, email, and tracking.
- ☐ Days 1-30: Put a repeatable review-request system in place.
- ☐ Days 31-60: Improve SEO for priority services and locations, plus Google Maps relevance.
- ☐ Days 31-60: Publish useful content and strengthen consistent facts for AI-powered discovery.
- ☐ Days 61-90: Expand the best-fit paid, referral, neighborhood, vehicle, and community channels.
- ☐ Day 90: Review visibility, leads, lead quality, booked jobs, and operational bottlenecks.
- ☐ After review: Scale what works, improve what is close, and rethink repeated poor performers.

NEXT MOVE Choose the three highest-priority gaps and assign an owner and deadline to each one.

YOUR NEXT 90 DAYS

Choose your top three priorities

Select the gaps most likely to improve trust, visibility, lead quality, or booked work. Give each priority one owner and one deadline.

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OWNER _____ DEADLINE _____

2

OWNER _____ DEADLINE _____

3

OWNER _____ DEADLINE _____

THE COMPLETE SYSTEM

Brand → Website → Search and Local Visibility → Trust → Lead → Follow Up → Booked Job → Repeat Customer → Referral

Ready to identify your biggest opportunity?

Marketing Vines helps plumbing and home-service companies connect branding, web design, SEO, local visibility, advertising, reputation, and AI search readiness into one practical growth system.

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