

## DIGITAL MARKETING & AI WILL SPARK YOUR SALES

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# What is DIGITAL MARKETING?

ls it just a "BUZZWORD"

or the latest marketing **FAD**?



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MAYBE.

BUT...

# DIGITAL MARKETING is a PROCESS.

# BRANDING your MESSAGE so it's consistent in ALL forms of digital communication.

**Planning** 

Channels

**AI Tools** 

Content

**Trends** 

**Social Tie-In** 

# YOU NEED TO HAVE A PLAN

Don't take shots in the dark.

It's about **COORDINATION** 

"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail!" -Benjamin Franklin

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## **AUDIENCE AND WHERE THEY ARE**

The MOST important starting points to **CONSIDER**:

- WHO would be INTERESTED
- HOW your GOALS match your MESSAGE
- WHAT CHANNELS will REACH your market
- Based on what's going on WHEN.



## **SEO IS THE STARTING POINT**

SITE OPTIMIZATION, KEYWORD RESEARCH, LINK BUILDING.

- Cost-effective & ORGANIC
- Increase the VISIBILITY of your website & Brand.
- Target your best KEYWORDS & PHRASES
  - Grabbing ACTIVE seekers



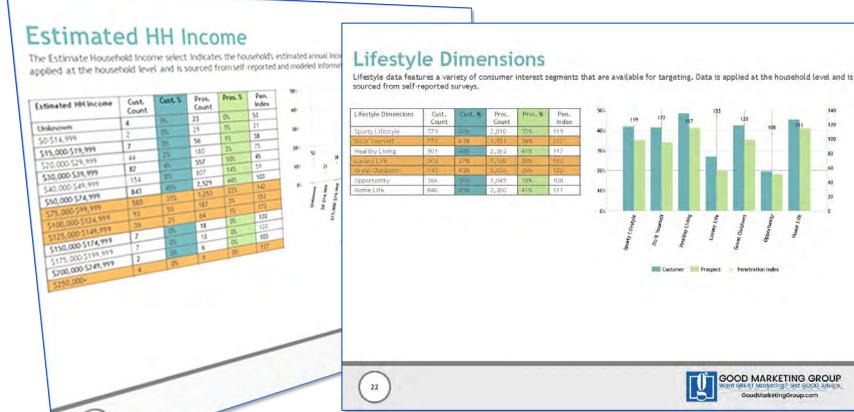
## IF YOUR CUSTOMER IS THERE, YOU SHOULD BE TOO

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE WEBSITES **YOU** VISIT.

- Social Media
  - POSTS, BOOSTS & PAID
- News & Events (Links inbound and outbound)
  - Organic AND Paid
- Partner industries (Links inbound and outbound)
  - Grabbing PASSIVE seekers
- SEM Advertising
  - PAID Search & Display



## IF YOUR CUSTOMER IS THERE, YOU SHOULD BE TOO







Using **DIGITAL TOOLS**to make the magic **HAPPEN** 



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Be BROAD...
across MULTIPLE CHANNELS
to a TARGETED audience
To Be Effective

## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

- EXPAND your presence where you can
  - And where it makes sense i.e. *Instagram* vs. *LinkedIn*
- High Priority. **YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE HERE**
- Organic AND Paid
- Links: inbound and outbound
- Visibility
- Social Causes



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

- Inbound and Outbound Links
- **Descriptions**
- Interactive



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

- Co-Branding
- Tagging
- Relevant Hashtags #
- Real life examples



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

- Insights provide reactions and results – What's WORKING and what needs to be IMPROVED
- Accepted by manufacturer CO-OP REIMBURSEMENT



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

## **EMAIL** IS FAR FROM DEAD!

- UPSELL your customers
- FORM capture (Active Seekers)
- Exclusives
- Referrals
- COMMUNICATE TO MAINTAIN TOP-OF-MIND (Passive Seekers)



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

- Direct Response to the Forms & Follow-ups
- 'Ready' / 'Not Ready' / 'Thanks Anyway
  - AUTOMATICALLY launches a new email 'Journey' based on selection



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE

- DIRECT RESPONSE TO THE AD
- 'Download now
- Email Journey
- Inbound link to Website



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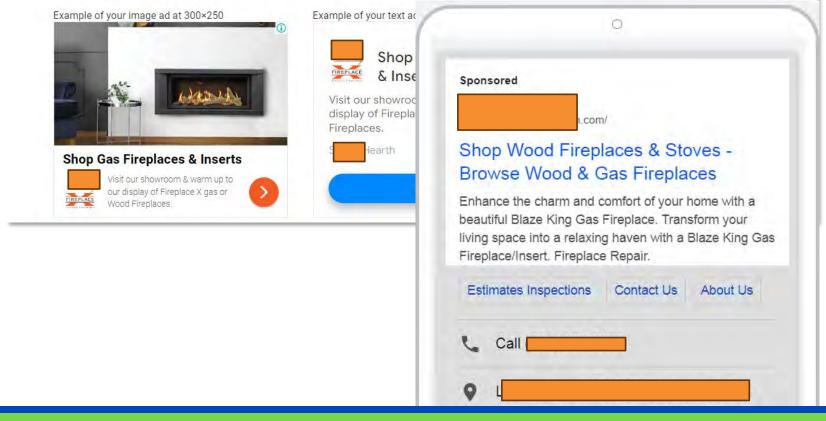
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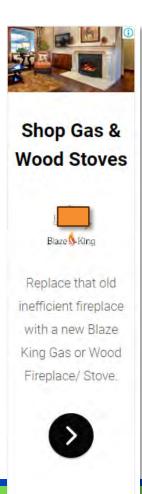
## PAID ADVERTISING

- GOOGLE ADS
  - Search, Display, Store Visits
  - Geotargeting: You AND your competitors
- FORM capture (Active Seekers)
- Click to Call
- Pay for conversions
  - But, use pay-per-click when starting a new campaign to let Google optimize your traffic and audience.



## BE BROAD TO BE EFFECTIVE





## AI IS NOT SCARY

New Technology can cause curiosity and even fear. But Al is a useful tool.

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## **PRACTICAL USES:**

## TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF NEW AI TOOLS

- SEMI- AUTONOMOUS AD CREATION
  - Al can test multiple ads terms, etc. at the same time
- ENHANCED AUDIENCE TARGETING
  - Facebook has rolled out Advantage+ (Al audience research)
- PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS IN CAMPAIGN OPTIMIZATION
  - Proactive campaign management using predictive analytics. By evaluating past campaign performances and current market trends, AI could forecast potential pitfalls or opportunities in future campaigns.



## **PRACTICAL USES:**

Al offers a range of benefits for businesses, from streamlining operations to personalizing the customer experience. Here are some practical ways a business owner can leverage AI:

## **Boost Efficiency and Productivity:**

- •Automation: All can automate repetitive tasks like data entry, scheduling appointments, or sending emails. This frees up your employees' time to focus on more strategic work.
- •Predictive Maintenance: Al can analyze sensor data from equipment to predict when maintenance is needed, preventing breakdowns and costly downtime.

## **Enhance Customer Experience:**

- •Chatbots: Al-powered chatbots can answer customer questions 24/7, provide support, and even personalize product recommendations.
- •Sentiment Analysis: Al can analyze customer reviews and social media conversations to understand customer sentiment and identify areas for improvement.

## **PRACTICAL USES:**

## **Data-Driven Decisions:**

- •Marketing & Sales: Al can analyze customer data to identify trends and target advertising campaigns more effectively.
- •Financial Forecasting: Al can analyze financial data to predict future revenue and expenses, helping with budgeting and resource allocation.

## **Other Applications:**

- •Cybersecurity: All can detect and prevent fraudulent activity, protecting your business from cyberattacks.
- •Product Development: Al can analyze customer data and feedback to inform product development and innovation.

## AI CREATES AT YOUR DIRECTION:

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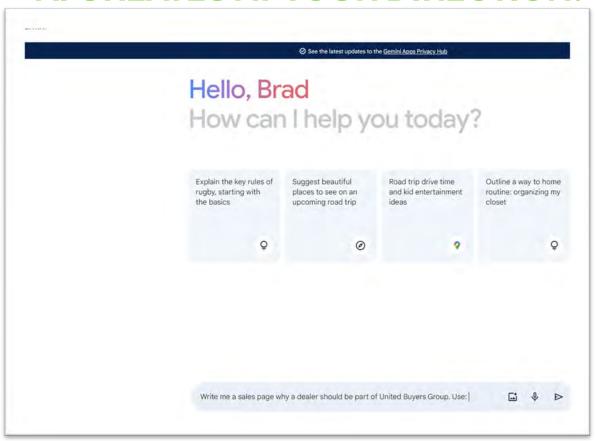
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Once you know HOW to ask, AI becomes a powerful 'Partner'

**QUESTION**: Write me a sales page why a dealer should be part of United Buyers Group. Use: https://united-buyers-group.com/about-us/

## **AI CREATES AT YOUR DIRECTION:**



Become a Member

Become a Supplier

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## Who We Are

BBQ, and outdoor living industry.

United Buyers Group® (UBG®) is dedicated to the fireplace and Outdoor Living industry. We unite a network of more than 320 Specialty Fireplace & Outdoor Living Stores as well as Chimney Professionals across the United States and Canada. Formed in 2000, UBG® has grown to become the largest group of its kind representing independent businesses specializing in the fireplace,

United Buyers Group® is aligned with many of the best manufacturers and service providers in the industry. We regard our partnerships with suppliers as key to the overall success of our group and our members; consequently, we also strive to help our supplier partners grow their respective market shares.

Our strength in our coverage of North America's rural and urban markets gives our vendors the ability to have their products professionally represented and installed for homeowners in both Canada and the United States.

The combined volume of purchases we generate enables our members to enjoy added exclusive benefits and provides our supplier partners the support of the largest group of quality independent retailers in North America.

### Our Members

United Buyers Group® Members are the Premier Specialty Stores servicing the fireplace and outdoor living industry. They offer the best selection of fireplaces, inserts, stoves, BRQ grills, patio furniture and related accessories found throughout Canada and the United States. UBG® accepts membership applications from professional business owners who not only have showrooms but also have years of experience and a strong reputation in their local market place. Each of our members is dedicated to using their knowledge, experience and expertise to ensure the homeowner's satisfaction throughout the entire process, from selecting the proper hearth or grill appliance to its installation and service.

### Our Core Values

We Listen, We Care, We Connect, We Deliver, We Lead.

Hearth & Home Article About United Buyers Group®, as written back in 2018.



Put together a group of dealers who want to be more competitive and more profitable in their markets, and you have a buying group – make that 320 stores throughout North America. Now add in almost dozens of top fireplace, grill and patio furniture manufacturers, and service providers, and you have the United Buyers Group® (UBG®).

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Our Mission

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## AI CREATES AT YOUR DIRECTION:

## **ANSWER**:

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- •Increased profitability: UBG members have access to exclusive discounts and pricing on a wide range of products. This can help you to increase your profit margins and stay competitive in the marketplace.
- •Access to unique protected product lines: UBG offers its members access to unique protected product lines that are not available to non-members. This can give you a competitive edge and help you to attract new customers.
- •Membership in a network of passionate dealers: UBG is a community of passionate and successful dealers. When you join UBG, you'll gain access to a network of peers who can share best practices and help you to grow your business.
- •Ability to leverage the combined buying power of the group: UBG's large membership base gives it significant buying power. This allows UBG to negotiate deep discounts with suppliers, which are then passed on to its members.
- •Support from the largest group of quality independent retailers in North America: UBG provides its members with a wide range of support services, including marketing, training, and business development.

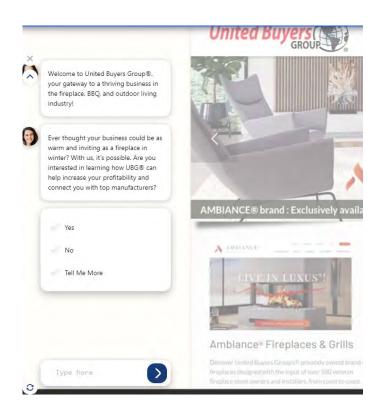
  If you're looking to grow your business and increase your profitability, then joining United Buyers Group is the right decision for you.

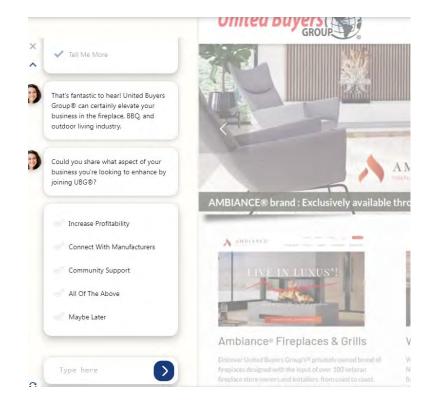
For more information on how to become a UBG dealer, please visit our website or contact us today.

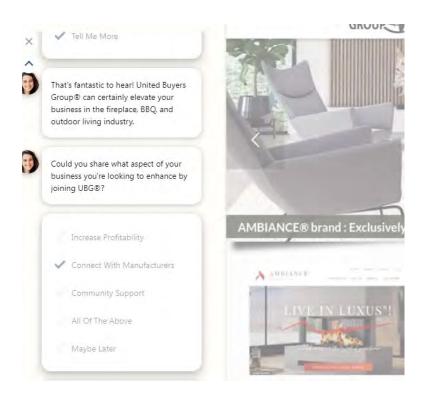
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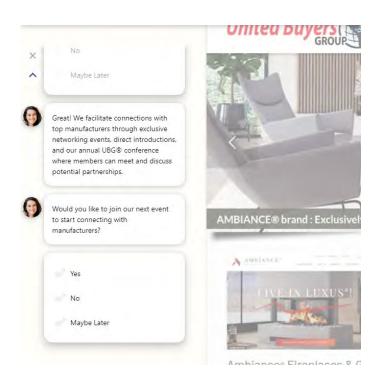
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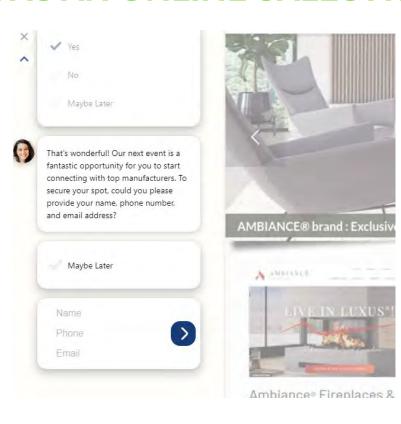






## A PRACTICAL USE AS AN ONLINE SALES AGENT 24/7/365





- GENNI just registered a new attendee and possible member.
- This can be done for sales, service or other events

## **AI CREATES VIDEOS FOR YOUR ADS:**

- Al does the heavy lifting
  - Al still needs
     HUMAN OVERSIGHT
- ENGAGING, increase response



#### **PRACTICAL USES:**

#### Here are some additional tips for considering AI for your business:

- •Identify areas where AI can add value. Focus on tasks that are repetitive, time-consuming, or data-driven.
- •Start small and scale up. Don't try to implement AI across your entire business at once. Begin with a pilot project to test the waters.
- •Consider the cost of AI implementation. There are a range of AI tools available, from free to enterprise-level solutions. Choose one that fits your budget.

By strategically implementing AI, business owners can gain a competitive edge, improve efficiency, and provide a superior customer experience.

#### PRACTICAL EXAMPLES FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

**ChatGPT:** In response to text prompts such as questions or instructions, it will output text in any form, including prose, poetry, and even computer code.

**Gemini:** Chat to supercharge your ideas, write, learn, plan and more. Gemini is the best way to directly access Google's best family of AI models.

**Dall-E 2:** This one takes text prompts and transforms them into computer graphics (images, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.).

#### PRACTICAL EXAMPLES FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

Stable Diffusion 2: Text-to-image generative AI application.

**Lumen5:** An Al-powered video creation tool

Looka: This is a tool that makes it easy to brand your business by using AI to create unique and

distinctive logos

#### PRACTICAL EXAMPLES FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

**Gen-1:** Cloud-based text-to-video platform that creates new videos from ones that you upload,

**Legal Robot:** This tool is designed to automatically translate complex and confusing "legalese" into straightforward language

**Cleanup.Pictures:** This Al tool lets you retouch images by removing unwanted objects, defects, or even people, using a process known as "inpainting" to help you create the perfect image

#### PRACTICAL EXAMPLES FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

**Fireflies:** This tool plugs into popular video conferencing tools like Zoom, Teams, or Webex and automates the process of taking notes and creating transcriptions.

# CONTENT IS KEY

Staying
ORGANIZED
and
CONSISTENT

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# **CONTENT IS KING**

#### SPEAK TO YOUR CUSTOMER, NOT AT THEM

#### **BUILD CONTENT / FOCUS ON YOUR HOMEOWNER EXPERIENCE**

- Your Content Needs to INTEREST YOUR CUSTOMER
  - PUBLISH it on your WEBSITE
  - Bring the Customer BACK through INBOUND LINKS
    - Social Issues / Environmental Policy in your State
    - Seasonal
    - New Products
    - Staff Updates and Certifications

# KEEP YOUR EYE ON TRENDS

If it's in the **NEWS** or happening now it's **TOP of MIND**. Be ready to **ADAPT**.



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# **GET TRENDY AND BE THE AUTHORITY**

#### YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT

#### TRENDS, NEWS AND TOPICS ARE POWERFUL SEARCH AGENTS...

- WEATHER
  - Bad weather means LOTS of App views, Weather.com, yahoo, etc
  - Purchase ads at the right time
- SPORTS
  - Big games, mean big views



# **BE ACCOUNTABLE**

#### YOUR CUSTOMERS CARE ABOUT ISSUES (REAL OR PERCEIVED)

#### TRENDS, NEWS AND TOPICS ARE POWERFUL SEARCH AGENTS...

- REAL ESTATE
  - New builds in your area
  - Controversial projects Don't comment on it, just use the keywords
- ENVIRNONMENTAL POLICY
  - Electric Heat, Gas Stoves, Wood-burning Stoves
- GOVERNMENT
  - Current hearings in the news (ie. social media)



# **GET TRENDY AND BE THE AUTHORITY**

#### YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT

Stay warm and cozy all winter long with our latest hearth appliances!

Explore comfort in style – because chilly days are better by the fire

https://xxxxxx/shop/

#WinterWarmth #StayCozy #HearthHome #KegerreisStoves #BernvillePA #BerksCountyPA #ReadingPA #LebanonCountyPA #SchuykillCountyPA #FireplaceMakeover #Fireplace #Freestanding Stove #StoveInsert #FireplaceInsert #OutdoorKitchen #Grilling #GrillMaster #SmokerGrills #BB Qgrills





# **GET TRENDY AND BE THE AUTHORITY**

#### YOUR CUSTOMERS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT



Switch out your old fireplace for a new one Converting your wood-burning fireplace to a more efficient gas fireplace or insert will improve the performance, safety, and convenience of your fireplace!

If you are having difficulties retaining heat, losing heat output, or if your fireplace needs a makeover – having a gas fireplace or insert installed will improve your fireplace for you and your family to enjoy.

Visit us today to learn more about the benefits of gas fireplaces <a href="https://xxxxxxxx">https://xxxxxxxx</a>

# BE SOCIAL

Social causes and topics

ARE IMPORTANT to Your Audience.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY TEAMWORK HOPE

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#### WE ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS

As long as your accountability is RELATED TO WHAT YOUR BUSINESS DOES, it's good!

AND, IT IS A SEARCH TOPIC!

#### WE ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS

## DO:

#### BE ACCOUNTABLE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

It's ok to disagree on policy or a new law, but in a respectful and scientific manner.

#### WE ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS

## DO:

#### PROMOTE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS.

If you are participating for a good cause, let your audience know about it. Become a sponsor and TALK ABOUT IT!

#### WE ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS

## **DON'T:**

#### PUBLICLY ENGAGE IN UN-RELATED BUSINESS!

Sexuality, celebrity, politics OR politicians, global climate change vs. specific environmental issues around your business. Know the difference!

#### WE ARE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS

# MODERN CONSUMERS PLACE A PREMIUM ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY.

\*Seventy percent (70%) of Generation Xers (ages 35-54) and 54% of millennials (ages 18-34) are likely to stop shopping at a company that supports an issue they disagree with compared to 37% of baby boomers (ages 55+).

\*https://clutch.co/resources/how-corporate-social-responsibility-influences-buying-decisions

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\*One in two Gen Zers and 41% of Millennials are more likely to support brands that advocate for social causes. Customers' spending habits are profoundly affected by the advocacy efforts of businesses.

\*https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbescommunicationscouncil/2023/01/18/2023-digital-marketing-trends-that-should-be-on-your-radar

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\*Two-thirds (67%) of Gen Xers prefer to buy from sustainable brands compared to 54% who said the same in 2019.

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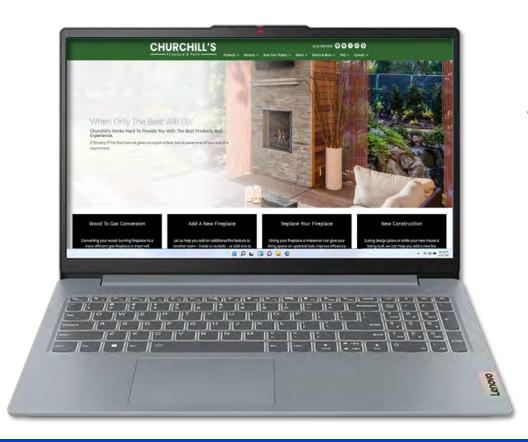
# YOUR WEBSITE

HOW YOU
PRESENT
YOURSELF
ON-LINE IS A
BIG DEAL

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INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.



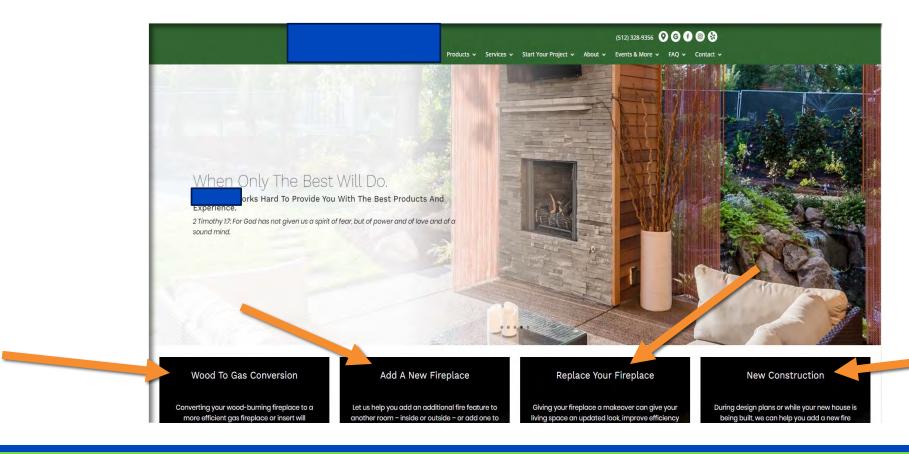
YOUR WEBSITE is your
DIGITAL MARKETING
HUB

INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.



YOUR WEBSITE is most often the first impression to new prospects. You want their first experience to be a positive, interactive one.

#### INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.



## **CHANNELS AND TOOLS**

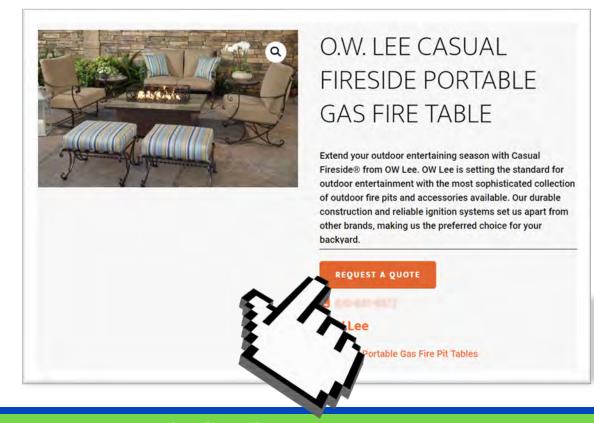
INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.

# BAD WEBSITE = BAD IMPRESSIONS (PEOPLE AND BOTS!)

#### INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.

Use permission-based marketing such as "Request A Quote' or 'Request More Info' buttons to send prospects directly to the proper sales or service contact in your company.

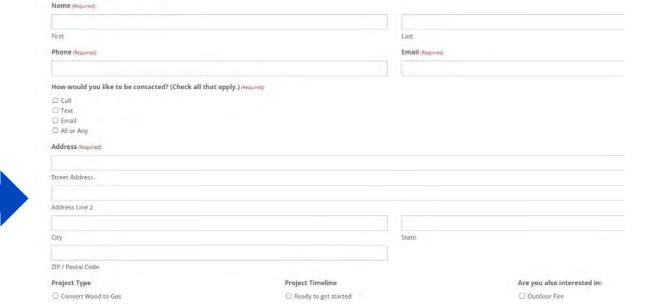
GIVE BUYERS A WAY TO ASK YOU FOR MORE!



INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.

Capture email and contact information for future campaigns and sales follow-ups either via email campaigns, mailings or a phone call. Be sure to make the fields required.

# SEND THEM <u>IMMEDIATELY</u> TO THE PROPER CONTACT

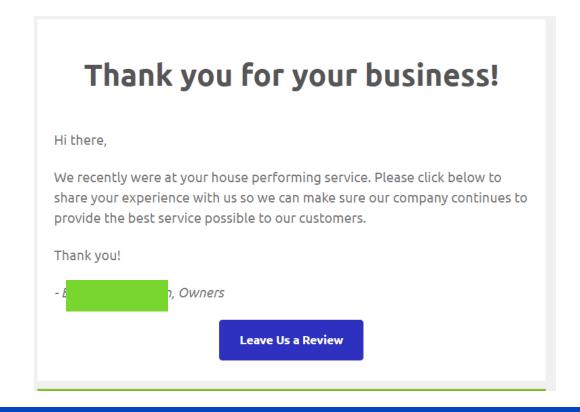


Product Request Quote

#### INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.

Once sales and service are completed, send customers back to your website to generate testimonials. These are search engine gold!

REMEMBER: sixty-one percent (61%) will read product or company reviews before making any purchase.



#### INBOUND AND OUTBOUND. IT BEGINS AND ENDS HERE.

All of the content in these testimonials are now part of your site and can be found by search engines.

Testimonials written by customers will in turn attract new prospects searching with the same layman's terms.

****		
I had the good fortune of Gary to service my gas fireplace. Besides being extremely punctual, he came in most pleasant,		
and LISTENED to my issue without dismissing me. Gary brought in the necessary tools, performed the check, and		
resolved the issue of smelling gas. He made the repairs and tested the leaking pipes several times to meet his		
satisfaction. The gas f	ireplace is one of the best investments I made 5 years ago. Knowing that	is standing
behind	customers is quite reassuring. With techs such as Gary, I feel most of	onfident any issues
can and will be addressed most satisfactorily.		
-		

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ I moved into a home which had been abandoned for many years. had installed a Propane fireplace and I needed it checked out and serviced. I am very pleased with the service provided. Gary came out and did a very thorough job of replacing key parts and making sure the unit was operation perfectly! I can't thank the service department enough for taking such good care of me. Thank you!

## YOUR EXPERIENCES, YOUR QUESTIONS





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- Al Chat
- Social media and programs
- Google Ads
- Email marketing
- Al use
- Direct marketing PURLs
- Google Search Console
- Google Analytics
- Customer Experience (FORBES)
- Video and content (FORBES)

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