

**Retail**

# Holiday Marketing Checklist

Ready to get more sales this holiday season? Use this checklist to get ahead of the game and finish the end of the year strong.



# Planning for key holiday opportunities

## Mark key dates on your calendar

- Thanksgiving** - November 25, 2021
- Black Friday** - November 26, 2021
- Small Business Saturday** - November 27, 2021
- Hanukkah Begins** - November 28, 2021
- Cyber Monday** - November 29, 2021
- Christmas** - December 25, 2021
- Kwanzaa** - December 26, 2021
- New Year's Eve** - December 31, 2021



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## Segment your lists

- [Segment your list](#) to send more targeted, relevant offers
- Early-bird shoppers - send content and offers early in the season
- Deal seekers - focus on discounts and key shopping days (Black Friday & Cyber Monday)
- Last-minute shoppers - send last-chance offers and reminders
- Evergreen shoppers - engage throughout the season
- VIPs - create unique offers such as exclusive bundles

## Create your holiday offers

- Determine your goal
- Who are you trying to reach?
- What do your best customers find valuable?
- Create your offers

## Get ready for online sales

- Add an [online store](#) or create [Shoppable Landing Pages](#)
- [Optimize your product descriptions](#)
- Identify shipping and pick-up options – think about in-store or curbside pick up
- Connect your existing shopping cart or store to Constant Contact:
  - [Shopify](#)
  - [WooCommerce](#)
  - [BigCommerce](#)
  - [Etsy](#)
  - [Ebay](#)

# Taking action on your holiday marketing plan



## Update your website

- Update your website with holiday hours
- Highlight holiday offers in your [sign-up form](#) to grow your list

## Update listing & review sites

- Update your information on listing and review sites (holiday hours & your offers)

## Update & engage on social media

- Update profile information with your holiday hours
- Share helpful, valuable information to stay top-of-mind
- Encourage people to join your email list
- [Schedule posts on social media](#) to promote offers, use announcements, reminders, and last-chance reminders

## Create & send your holiday offer via email

- Schedule emails to promote offers – announce, remind, and give people a last chance to buy

## Use paid advertising

- Use [Facebook Lead Ads to grow your email list](#) before the holiday season
- Use [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and/or [Google Ads](#) to drive traffic and sale

# Preparing for ongoing success after the holiday season



## Review and take action

- Review the results to understand what worked and what didn't
- Further segment list based on purchase behavior
- Create an after-holiday offer to capitalize on gift cards/cash people receive
- Start [planning for consistent marketing](#) in the new year

