

# Cannabis Marketing

Thank you for this opportunity to share knowledge on how to Market Like A Badass!



#### AGENDA

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### **About Us**





#### **Event Management**

- Trade Shows
- Networking events
- Hospitality booths
- Races
- Competitions
- and more!

#### **WordPress Websites**

- Top-of-the-line websites tailored to your organization's' needs
- Landing Pages

**Email Marketing** 

- Templates
- Campaign Management
- Automations
- Cold campaigns
- 4 Deliverability
  - Migrations
  - List Growth Strategy
  - And much more!

### How Is Cannabis Marketing Different?



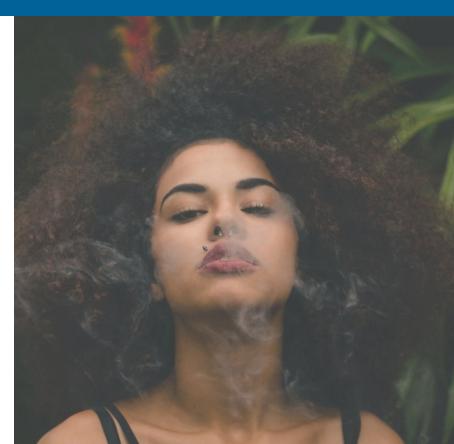
- Regulations federally as well as state to state
- Compliance
- Varying degrees of audience perception of cannabis
- Marketing and messaging has to be more tailored to local markets
- You have to be agile!



### Navigating Marketing In a Highly Regulated Industry



**To be successful, you need** to be clear about which channels you can leverage, how you can leverage those channels, and put together a plan where you can show up and be consistent every day.



### **Target Marketing**

#### Find more of your perfect customers

You have to nail these things in this order:

Once that's dialed in, you can focus on your customer journey and target marketing through:

- Account based marketing
- Funnel marketing





#### **Customer Journey Mapping**



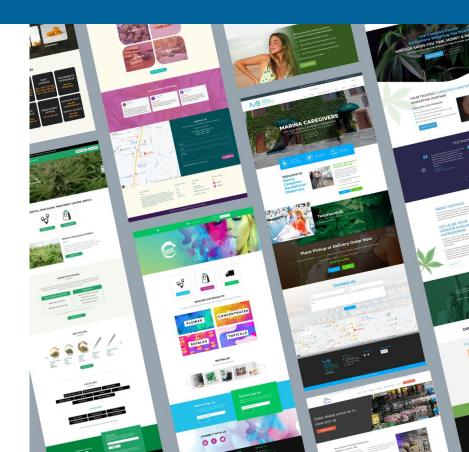


## Cannabis Marketing Channels & Best Practices

### Website Resources



- <u>Choosing the right platform</u>
- Why Your Dispensary Should
  Move from Wix to WordPress



### Website Case Study

#### Problem

• Vibe's old website was built on Wix, so they had limited SEO capabilities and their website design was outdated. Their use of all image menus meant their keywords weren't getting picked up on search engines.

#### Solution

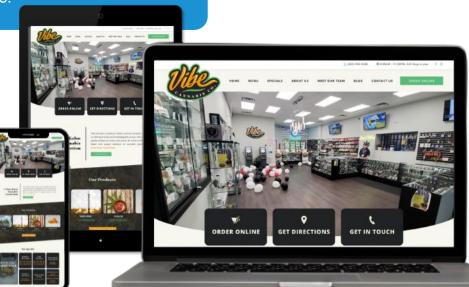
• Redesigned website with enhanced, mobile-friendly experience and improved on-site SEO meant more visitors driving along the highway past their dispensary could find their store and website and find directions to the store and allowed them to rank on the first page of Google for competitive keywords.

#### **Resulting in:**

+4,280 clicks

+112,000 impressions

•3.8% CTR





### **Social Media Marketing**



Bottom line: it's not a safe place to do business. We all know social media is extremely important, but cannabis brands have to completely re-think how they frame social media in their marketing structure.



#### Your Post Goes Against Our Community Guidelines

We removed your post because it goes against our Community Guidelines. If you learn and follow our guidelines, you can prevent your account from being deleted.



#### Post removed

Posted



Source: https://adcann.ca/blog/cannabis-instagram-account-disabled

### **Social Media Marketing**



Should You Leverage Social Media? Hell Yes! Here's how:

- 1. Leverage the right channels where your perfect customer hangs out
- 2. Tread lightly with organic posts
- 3. Don't talk about sales, deals, promos, save, money or anything related to selling your products
- 4. Connected accounts impact your business account
- 5. Certain hashtags like #thc can be an issue
- 6. Think outside the box for social media. Even platforms like Pinterest are completely overlooked for top of funnel social media marketing and search engine optimization. YouTube is great for SEO too.

### Paid Ads and Programmatic Marketing

Check out this example of ads done right!



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### **SEO (Search Engine Optimization)**



High-level benefits include:

- You can't get shut down like social media
- Efforts compound over time while price remains mostly the same
- Enhances other channels like email so you can have customer acquisition and retention working together
- Makes it easier to tap into other markets if you plan on expanding
- Preps you for legalization (potentially shipping D2C)
  - Getting national traffic and grabbing search market share.
  - Makes it easy to flip to D2C since you already have the national traffic.
  - Also, when you rank well for a product nationally you dominate locally.

### **Event Marketing**



### Why Events Are Important To Us

- Event Marketing Is The Most Valued Marketing Channel
  - Bizzabo Report: Over 1,000 marketers agree, live events are the single-most effective marketing channel for meeting key business objectives.
    - i. more effective than content marketing and email marketing combined
  - Most Organizations Invest Nearly A Quarter Of Their Marketing Budgets Into Live Events



### **SMS Marketing**

Don't use language directly related to marijuana

in those promotional text messages.

Examples of what can be considered illegal within your SMS marketing includes:

- Use transactional language, e.g. "buy now"
- Promote sales or offers, e.g. "20% off"
- Imply health benefits, e.g. "lose weight"
- Promotes recreational use
- Marketing cannabis in states where it is not legal





# Email Marketing is the unsung hero of cannabis



#### Generate 20%-40% of your monthly

revenue from email

Numerous emails can be automated based on subscriber's actions.

Streamline the customer journey through evergreen content such as:

- Re-engagement emails when subscribers stop opening your emails
- Abandoned cart emails when someone does not complete the path to purchase on your online store
- Abandoned cart emails alone can recoup 30% of sales.
- Combined with a badass welcome series, these emails move the highest number of subscribers into the path to purchase.

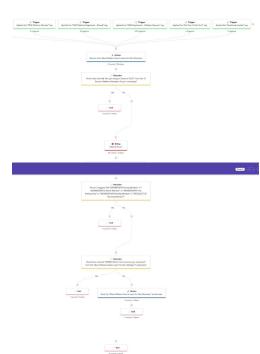


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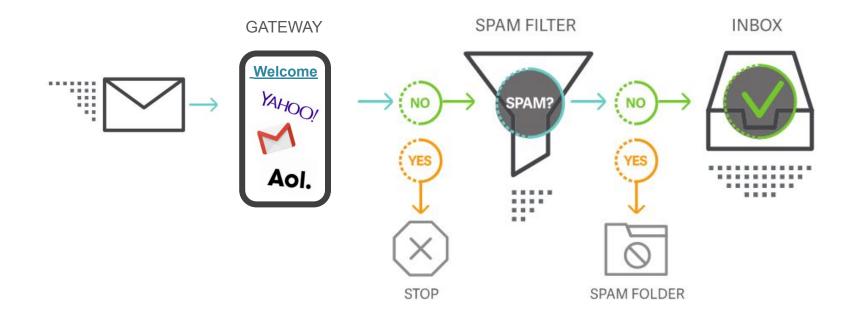


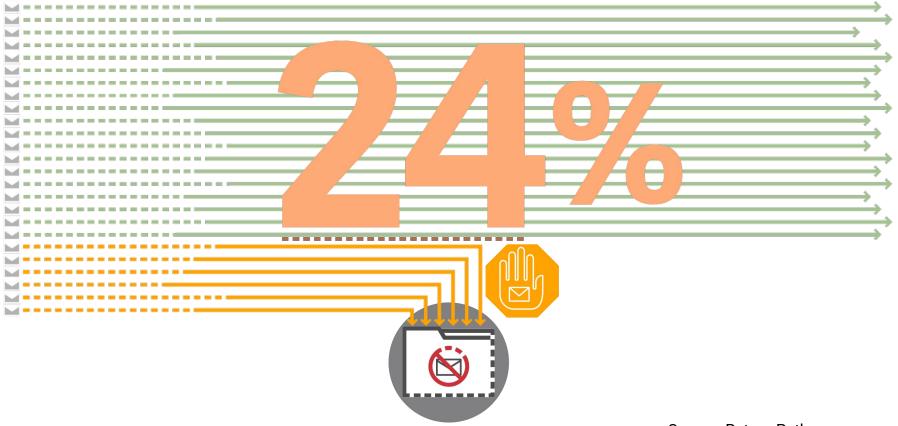
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- Win back series
- Post Purchase
- Abandoned Cart
- Replenishment Flows

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Source: Return Path



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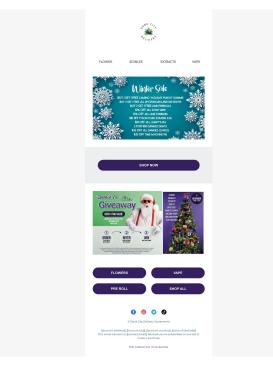
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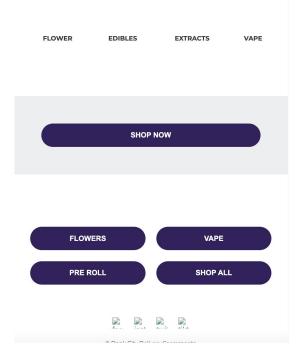


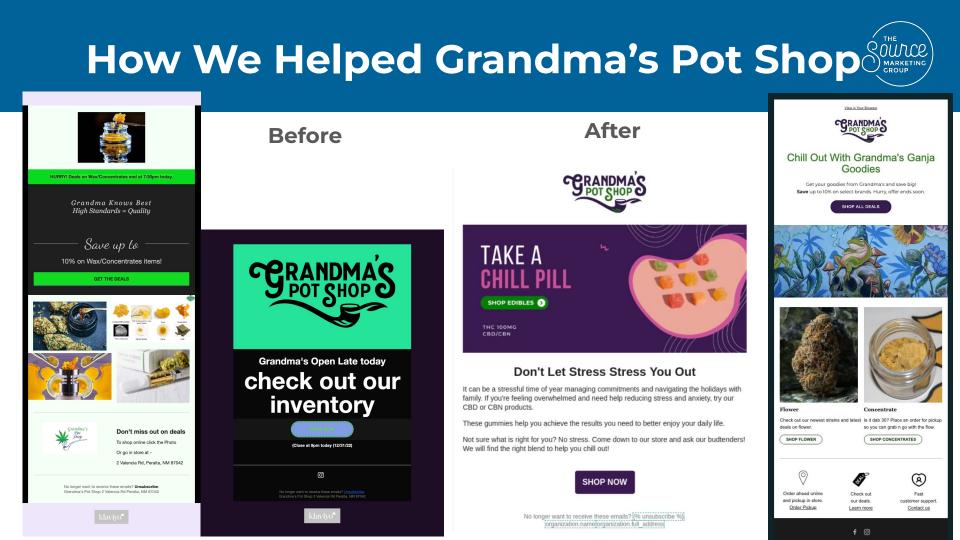


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https://sourcemarketinggroup.com/50-email-tips/

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