Marketing Planning Guide for Cleaners itMan By ertising



The Cleaner's Ad Agency

Target Clients Profitably

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Introduction:

It's an exciting time for a cleaning business! Why? Consumers hire experts to do services for them now more than ever before.

The trick is to spend just enough money on advertising to stay busy without spending TOO MUCH.

PRINT THIS REPORT OUT RIGHT NOW!

This PDF report contains a marketing plan example of what I've used in my own company and have given to coaching clients over the years. This stuff works and it would be wise to take note.

Want help with getting more cleaning clients?

You can get my coaching, plus the templates for all these ads in this marketing plan. Get my **client postcards, newsletters, Facebook graphics, EDDMs, Google ads, brochures, and commercial mailers** that have gotten my members BIG returns on investment.

Sometimes getting business can be tough. But we're here to help.

To get advertising strategies and coaching for cleaners go to... www.Hitmanadvertising.com/adcoaching

Now see the next page to get your complete marketing plan...



How to Use this Marketing Plan

The next page is your marketing calendar, followed by an action plan. Print this out and use it for ideas in your marketing plan. And if you don't have a marketing plan yet, use this as your marketing plan.

Make a commitment to do **AT LEAST TEN** of these things every week. If you want to assure your success, do even more than ten. This is about massive action. Doing just one or two of these tactics may not be enough.

The bitter truth marketing "gurus" don't ever tell you is that marketing concepts don't work every time. Yes, each one of these concepts have worked VERY well for me and my clients. But there are lots of variables. And whether or not you'll execute each one properly is another story.

Adjust your marketing plan as you go. You'll eventually get too busy to take on new clients. In that case, decrease your marketing.

It's about smart marketing.

Print this report out. Then check off the items you want to put in play in your marketing plan.

Do it now!

Marketing Plan Calendar for Cleaners

WINTER

SPRING

SUMMER

FALL

January



 Develop your best special offer of the year

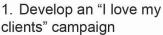
2. New Year Client Postcard to mail clients

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with the best offer of the year

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

5. Google Adwords & Facebook campaign

February



2. Send your clients a valentine

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with valentine offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

5. Google Adwords & Facebook campaign

March

1. Develop an "Lucky St Patty's Day" campaign

2. Send your clients a St Patty postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with St Patty offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

April

1. Develop an Easter ^{III} or Spring campaign

2. Send your clients an Easter or Spring educational newsletter

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with spring offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

5. Google Adwords & Facebook campaign

May

1. Develop "Mother's" or "Memorial" Day campaign

2. Send your clients a Mother's Day or Memorial postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with same offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

June

1. Develop a "Summer" campaign offer

2. Send your clients a summer educational newsletter

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with summer offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

July

1. Develop "Independence" campaign offer

2. Send your clients an independence postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with independence offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

August

1. Develop "Back to school" offer (2nd best offer of the entire year)

2. Send your clients a back to school postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with back to school special offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

5. Google Adwords & Facebook campaign

September

1. Develop "Fall Cleaning" campaign

2. Send your clients a fall educational newsletter

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with your fall offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

October

1. Develop "Spooky Halloween" campaign

2. Send your clients a Halloween postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with your Halloween offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

5. Google Adwords & Facebook campaign

November

1. Develop "Thankful" campaign and offer (the offer can be minimal)

2. Send your clients a Thanksgiving postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with your fall offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

December

1. Develop "Christmas" or "Holiday" campaign

2. Send your clients a Holiday postcard

3. EDDM Campaign to key neighborhoods with your holiday offer

4. Email newsletter with the same offer

5. Google Adwords & Facebook campaign

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Notes: This is a sample campaign to give you ideas. Send postcards or EDDM mailers at the beginning of the month and preferably on a Monday. Adwords and Facebook ads are used as needed. When you're busy, turn the ads off. When you're NOT busy, spend more. For templates, see **www.Hitmanadvertising.com/coaching**



Here's the Full Marketing Plan

First and most importantly, Mail a Postcard or Newsletter to EVERY SINGLE ONE of your current clients every other month. Thank them for being a client and mention your referral program to stimulate referrals. Educate them about cleaning and include an offer to get them to call you again. This postcard is an example of a newsletter/postcard with a short article.



□ Mail a Reminder Postcard to your clients who haven't used your service in the past year. Remind them that they haven't had cleaning in over a year. Educate them on the benefits of yearly cleaning. Make sure to include a killer offer.



□ Run a **Google Ads** pay-per-click campaign targeting your city or best neighborhood with keywords for your service. It's perfect if you want to target a certain zip code or section of town. Also, it's perfect for targeting specific services. IMPORTANT: To pay the least amount of money, target

keywords for services like "Area Rug Cleaning, Pressure Washing, Tile Cleaning, or Air Duct." When you set your entire campaign up with the right keywords, you'll save money and get MORE clients. We run campaigns like this that get us a 40-to-1 return on investment some weeks.



Area Rug Cleaning in Omaha | Call Today For Current Special | Free Omaha Pick-up &... arearugcleaningomaha.com/arearugcleaning... Wool, Silk, Cotton, Nylon, Polypropylene, Safe For All Rug Fibers. Call for Free Estimates.... View assets details □ Post to **Facebook** each week, giving your Facebook subscribers a killer special that only Facebook subscribers can get. Post pictures of what you are doing in your business. Involve your Facebook people. Post things to get a "Like" and comment on what you post about.

□ Set up a Facebook Pay-per-click campaign. You can set this up for as LITTLE as \$1 - \$3 per day! Give a SPECIAL OFFER to get new clients. But BEWARE, Facebook ads take a lot of testing to make work. Start with a small budget.

□ Send an **Email Newsletter** every week or two to your prospects and clients with an educational article and a killer, limited time offer. And put links to your blog and website in the email newsletter to get traffic to your website. We now have software to email and text message all your clients and it's FREE to Ad Coaching Club members.

Put SEO strategies in place to rank higher in the search engines FREE. To start, set the keywords on your website. But beware that adding too many keywords can hurt your ranking. This is the #1 problem we're seeing with SEO lately. DO NOT over-optimize your website. But do make sure your title tags, H1 and H2 tags contain your main keywords in a natural way. Gain at least one new link coming into your site every week. Look for local or cleaning related sites to get links from.





How to Keep Your Carpet & Floors Beautiful All Year Long...

Throughout the year, it can get tough. I'm not just talking about carpet, but it gets tough with tile, grout, hardwood floors, and the rugs you throw over the floors. Many of our clients who replaced carpet with hard floors agree.

But we really shouldn't be surprised at how dirty our homes get. Every time we walk inside from the outdoors, we're trampling in all kinds of dirt, oils, pollen, and other contaminants. Let's not forget the cooking oils, drinks, and other household items we bring inside. It's a chore to keep a home clean. Add kids the mix and it's twice as hard.

How can you KEEP your carpet and floors clean?

1. Start by weekly vacuuming. In cases with kids or pets, two or three times a week is better. Even your hard floors need vacuuming to rid gritty soils that





□ Create a **Blog and post** weekly tips to help homeowners care for the carpet, tile, rugs, and other services. Posting unique content to your site regularly helps your SEO ranking and involves your website users.

Create one new **Social Media profile** each week, add pictures, and give links back to your home and sub-pages. Create one new citation or social profile each week



that gives links back to your website. Use **Twitter, LinkedIn, Next Door, Tumblr, Quora, Twitter, Facebook, Foursquare, Yelp, Reddit, Periscope, Digg, Instagram, etc.**

Double check that your **Google Local (aka Places) profile** displays your correct information. Simply Google your company name and see if your profile is found. If it's not, Google your company name along with your city name. If it's not there, set up your Google profile at this link here **https://www.google.com/business** Then, post to your Google My Business page TWICE EVERY week. Post pics, videos, and tell what's happening your business.



□ Check your site on a **Mobile Device** to see how users see your site. More than **60% of your prospects** are using mobile devices when they surf your website!!! If you don't have a mobile friendly or mobile website, you're turning off prospects and losing lots of money. Fix it now! For most cases, a responsive Wordpress website is best.

□ Write a Press Release about something newsworthy you're doing or about to do. Done correctly, this can get you some of the best backlinks for the time and money spent. Create the news from whatever you can come up with. It may be a new certification, new employee, new machine, or award you won. Submit it to several press release websites.



□ Create a YouTube Video about one of the services your company does and submit it to YouTube. Or take before and after videos, client testimonial videos, or create a reality TV cleaning show. It's a FREE! commercial. This can be done with your smart phone or any video camera. Make sure you keyword



tag the video. Then place the video on Facebook and your website! Commit to creating one video every week and watch your YouTube channel grow. It doesn't need to be a masterpiece. Just start shooting!

Give Out Gift Certificates

to Realtors, commercial decision makers, flooring retailers, and others you REALLY want to establish a relationship.



□ Offer a **FREE 60 or even 90 day "touch up cleaning"** to help take the client's risk away from the carpet getting dirty too soon. Mention this on the phone and in your ads.

Get Commercial accounts! Make a point to target commercial accounts EVERY single week with a creative, attention getting mailer. Follow that mailer with another letter or a postcard. And after you've sent a sequence of three mailers, call them or stop by.

Send a letter to 25 Doctors, Lawyers, or office professionals each week. Offer a free demo and/or an offer with lots of extra freebies. Make sure you follow up with a phone call and at least one additional mailing.



□ Use Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) to target neighborhoods. You can send large postcards for as little as 16.75 cents per household. Printing for each of these large postcards can cost as little as 5 cents a piece. This is one of the greatest things to come along for cleaners since Google. Capitalize on this now, especially during the spring and holiday seasons to target the high-end neighborhood you want to clean for. EDDM is the best way to become the "Neighborhood Cleaner."

□ Send a letter to 25 Realtors, Interior Designers, or Flooring Retailers each week letting them know of your referral program. Go visit their office after the mailing and bring them goodies and a gift card. It's important to bring professionally printed materials along with an irresistible offer. The \$50 gift card works GREAT for this purpose. They can be printed as a thick business card with rounded edges to look like a gift card. Or, print plastic gift cards.

PRSRT STD ECRWSS U.S. POSTAGE Northcrest Local Postal Customer PAID EDDM RETAIL Pensacola, FL a Bright Bright I'm Giving Away 3 FREE **Gifts to Our Neighbors in** Northcrest Hills Neighborhood **Response required within 10 days** Dear Neighbor \$94 in Since you live in a neighborhood near us. I want to give you a FREE special gift to try our services. So I want to give you 3 FREE gifts just for trying us out. Cleaning In case you don't know me. I'm John Braun- owner Premium (see details on the other side). Carpet Care. We've serviced your Northcrest neighbors for the past 20 years with a higher standard than your average cleaner. In fact, we promise you'll get the cleanest carpet, tile, area rug, and upholstery in Pensacola. We even back our services with a 100% GUARANTEE: "If you're not happy, it's FREE." Plus, you get a NO SPOTS RETURNING guarantee. If any spots return within 60 days after cleaning, we'll come back at no charge. Since we're around your neighborhood a lot, I wanted to give you these 3 FREE Gifts just for calling us for any cleaning job, big or small. Just call and tell us you received this flyer. And when we come out to do any minimum cleaning for you, in addition, you'll ning Tech get these 3 Gifts valued at \$94 for FREE. PREMIUM Until later, Carpet John Braun Care P.S. Hurry, this offer with your 3 FREE Gifts expires 10 days from today. Just call us at 474-1133 now



Use Professionally Printed Brochures

(not on your own printer) to educate your clients and prospects. Pass out your brochures to the Realtors, Interior Designers and Flooring Retailers that you meet. Use the brochures to educate clients and prospects and get HIGHER job tickets. See brochure examples at www.Cleaningbrochures.com





□ Put **500 Flyers on Doorknobs** of high-end homes that you cleaned in each week. During the spring, this is the time you'll have the most likelihood for success with doorknob hangers.

Q Run an **Advertorial Ad in the Newspaper**.

Boast about your guarantee and how you give the cleanest carpet (tile, etc) in your city. Believe it or not, in small to medium sized cities, newspaper can still work well.

■ Personally Call 50 Clients each week that you cleaned for in the past 6 - 24 months and thank them for their business. Remind them of how long it's been since you've been out to clean for them and ask if they need your services.

□ Set up a Voice Mail Blast to 300 clients who haven't used your service in the past year. Record an informal message and blast it. Simply thank them for their business and let them know you haven't heard from them in over a year. Ask them to call you if they want to hear the special offer you have just for them. WARNING: This is a tactic you only want to do a couple of times per year.

Get MORE Google & Facebook Reviews.

Work on getting one review every week for the next three months. More reviews means better ranking and more credibility. Don't rely on chance, but use a system to get reviews. Here's a system that I've set up for some of my clients. <u>https://www.hitmanadvertising.com/more-reviews-free</u>

See MORE Examples of Killer Ads for Cleaners on the Next Pages!



Other tactics you may not have thought about...

Give out gift cards for \$25, \$50 or \$100 to carpet retailers, interior designers, realtors, plumbers, or anyone else in the position to refer you on a weekly basis. You're giving them a gift they can give to their client. A gift card is perceived much higher than a coupon.

□ Theme your postcards, mailers, Facebook posts, and blog posts to current holidays. For example, use New Year related graphics in January. Use Valentine related graphics during February and use Christmas graphics during December.

□ Call or do a voice blast to your past clients. Thank them for their business and ask them if there's anything else you can do for them. Tell them about a FREE offer you want to give them if they book this week.

□ Knock on doors. If you need to, knock on doors in nice neighborhoods and commercial offices. But NEVER go empty handed. Hand out bottles of spot remover, brochures, and gift cards. Be







the giver of gifts when you go knocking and you'll be a welcomed guest instead of a pest.

□ Send a letter to past clients! Letters always get a better response than a postcard. We've sent "Times are Tough" letters themed around winter that give an enticing offer to get clients to call us back for BIG jobs. The offer normally includes FREE trials of several different services that get MUCH higher job tickets. These letters get the phone ringing.

Some Quick Examples:



In an area where it has snowed over the winter? Send this postcard to your client and targeted neighborhoods.





These educational postcards showcase YOU as the expert and keep your clients calling you for cleaning more often.





Above left is a tri-folded holiday/educational newsletter and also a postcard in our Ad Club program. Above right are EDDM mailers to neighborhoods. Below are holiday email newsletter and Facebook posts.





Want help getting MORE cleaning business?

Get ALL these ready-made proven ads, have us do the graphic design, printing, and mailing for you.

Plus, you get our coaching and help in getting it done!

In my Advertising Coaching Club, I'll be giving you ready-to-use examples of each strategy and training on exactly how to get each one of these tactics working for you.

You can get the templates for all these ads in this marketing plan plus my special **client postcards, newsletters, Facebook graphics, EDDMs, Adwords campaigns, brochures, and commercial mailers** that have gotten my members BIG returns on investment.

Now we even do the graphic design for you. Plus, we can get you HUGE discounts on printing. We've saved members hundreds of dollars on printing their postcards and newsletters. We'll even give you a way to have your client newsletter/postcards labelled and mailed at a big discount.

For training on these strategies and help getting this done go to... Get \$1,834 in BONUSES (ending soon).

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P.S. In the Ad Club, we not only coach you, but we do your advertising for you. **You get postcards, EDDMs, gift certificates, and more designed** and customized to your cleaning biz.

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