



# How HomeAdvisor Tested More Relevant Content to Better Tap Into Subscribers' Motivations and Increased Conversion by 85%

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# Challenge: Deliverability problem

- **Rebranded** from ServiceMagic to HomeAdvisor in 2012
- We were sending to a very large, yet stale, list of subscribers
- Sending out a **COOkie-Cutter** newsletter that was a one-size-fits-all approach





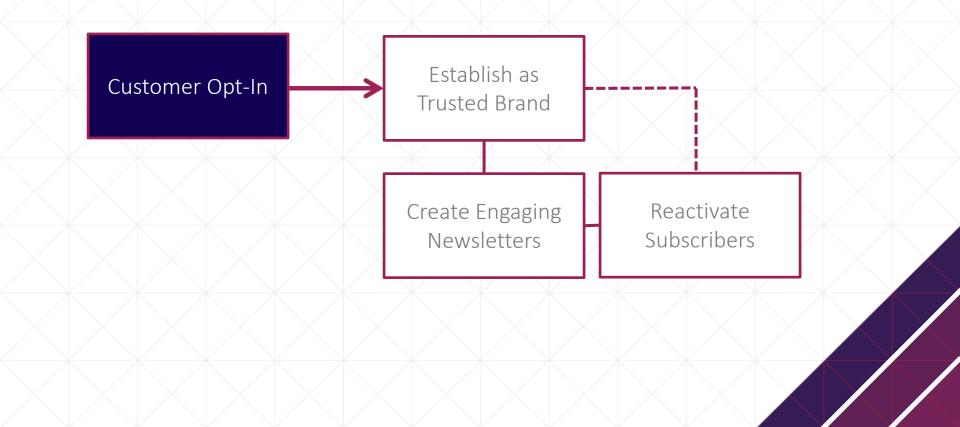


# Build our brand through email marketing

- Take a lifecycle approach
- Focus on engagement
- Improve deliverability

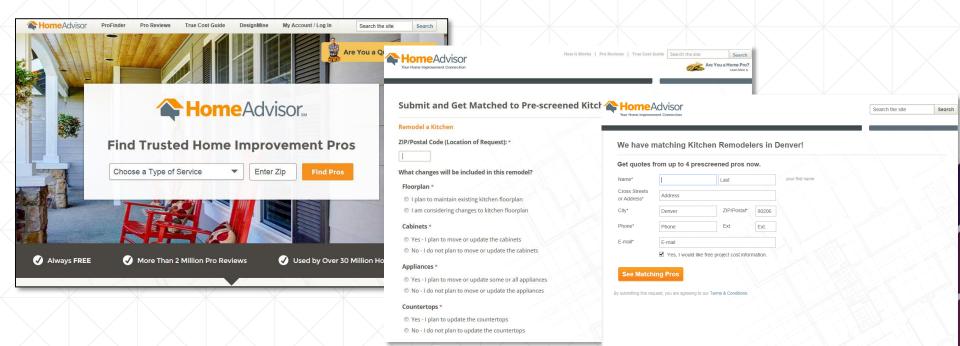


# Engaging customers throughout the lifecycle



## New customer experience

- A homeowner visits HomeAdvisor.com looking for quotes on a home improvement project
- We collect information about their project, location and personal information
- An account is created



# Opt-in/growing your list

### Test

Pre-checked versus unchecked box

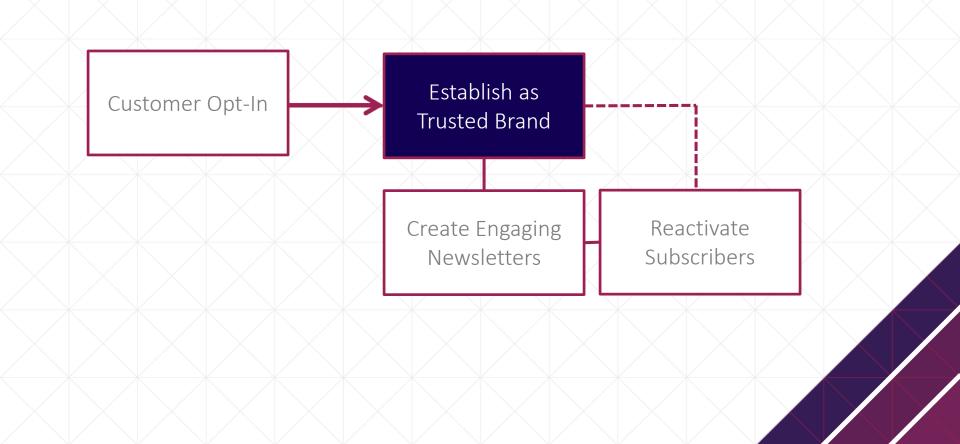
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• 82% increase in opt-in rate

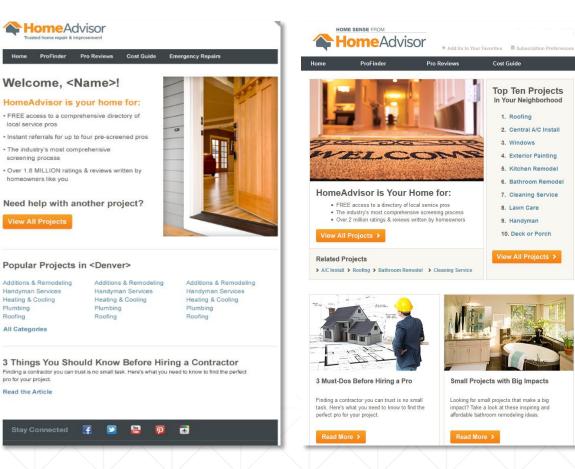
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# Establish as a trusted brand



# Use welcome series to build trust in brand



### Treatment Newsletter Template

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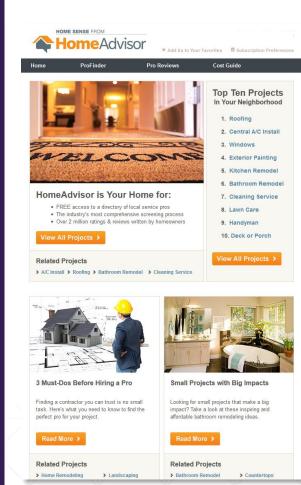
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Control

Simple Template

## Results: Treatment won

- +47% increase in clickthrough rate
- +24% lift in conversion rate



### Treatment Newsletter Template

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# Use welcome series to build trust in brand

### Control



### Treatment



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Results: Personalization won

 +5% increase in clickthrough rate

• +28% lift in conversion rate

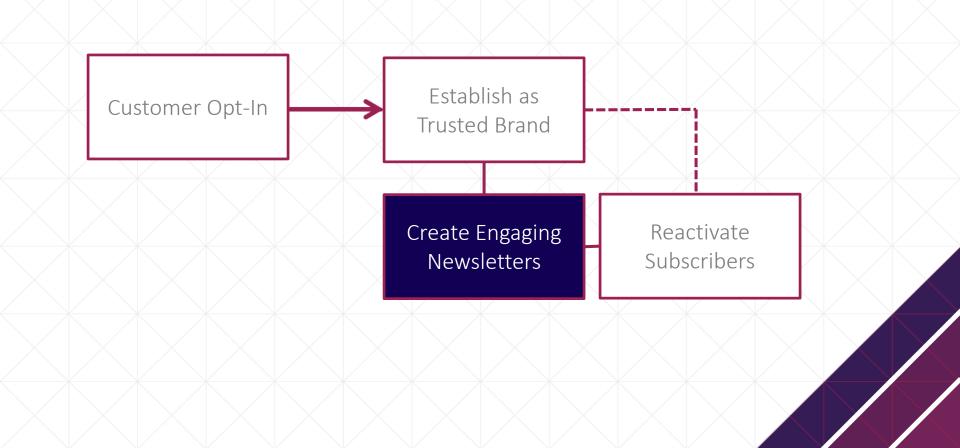
### Treatment



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## Process





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### 1. Landscaping

Home

- 2. Painting
- 3. Kitchen Remodel
- 4. Roofing
- 5. Windows
- 6. Handyman
- 7. Bathroom Remodel
- 8. Air Conditioning
- 9. Decks & Porches
- 10. Electrical

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### 5 Summer Must-Do Projects

Pro Reviews

Summer is all about relaxation and home improvement projects. Here are five projects to tackle now so you can spend the rest of your summer enjoying the fruits of your labor.

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### Related Projects > Decks > Landscaping

> Siding > Roofing

### Quick Fixes to Increase Curb Appeal

Worried that your home isn't making the right first impression? Here are a few fixes that will boost your home's curb appeal.





### Conversion

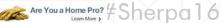


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Kitchen

Bedroom(s)Hallways







Top Ten Projects in Summer

- 1. Landscapir
- 2. Painting
- 3. Kitchen Remodel
- 4. Roofing
- 5. Windows
- 6. Handymar
- 7. Bathroom Remodel
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**Quick Fixes to Increase Curb Appe** 

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### Submit and Get Matched to Pre-screened Interior Painters

### Paint or Stain Interior Surfaces

Your Home Improvement Connection

Got a small painting project? Submit a small painting project request

ZIP/Postal Code (Location of Request): \*

How many rooms or areas need to be painted? \*

Select One

### What is the occupancy of the house?

- Furnished and occupied
- Furnished and unoccupied
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- © Empty of furnishings and unoccupied

### Which rooms need to be painted? (Check all that apply)

- Whole house
- Bathroom(s)
- Living areas
- Stairways

### What needs to be painted?

- Walls
- Walls and ceilings
- Ceilings





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Top Ten Projects

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- 2. Painting

Home

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### Engagement

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### meAdvisor Your Home Improvement Connection

Home

- 4. Roofing

- 8. Air Conditioning





that you can easily complete before the leaves start falling.

Find Pre-Screened Landscaping Pros

1. Add a Deck

You already know that remodeling is a great way to improve your home's appearance and raise your property value. The question is: Which improvements are worth tackling today? Here are five that you can easily complete before the leaves start falling.

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Creating enticing outdoor living spaces is one of the hottest trends in home improvement. It is especially important for those who prefer to spend most of their summers relaxing or entertaining

outside. And the right deck will make all the difference. However, adding a deck does more than

improve your yard's livability. A well-designed deck improves your home's value and sets your

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Related Projects	
Deck Maintenance	Flooring
Central A/C Install	Lawn Maintenand
Siding	Appliances
Roofing	Doors
Landscaping	Handyman
Windows	Cleaning Service
Kitchen Remodel	Hardwood Floors
Additions	Porches
Bathroom Remodel	Painting

True Cost Guide

### Engagement

### True Cost Guide

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- Take the guesswork out of home improvement costs.
- Over 600,000 cost profiles spanning 300 types of projects
- See local and national average costs
- · Real costs from real people

### Basement Remodel Gutters Tree Service Fencing



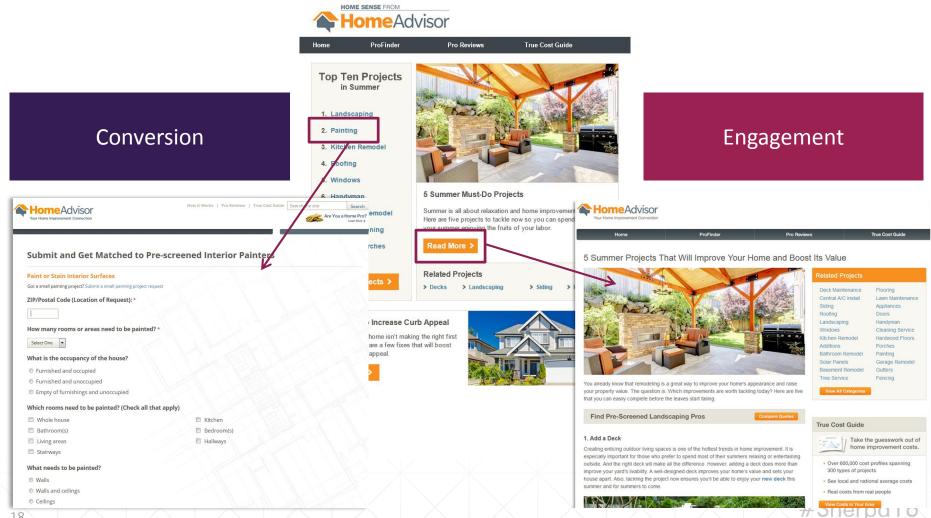
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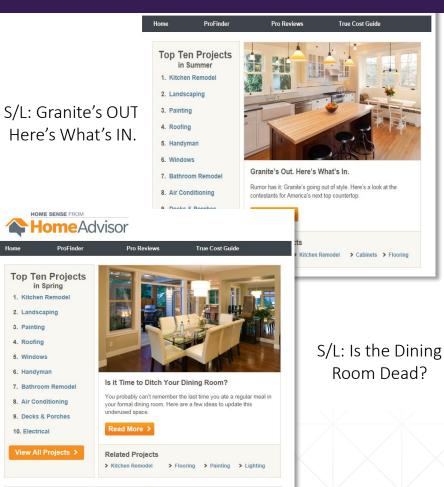
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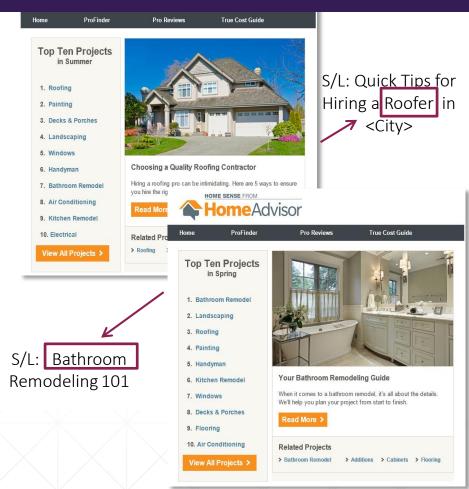
5 Summer Projects That Will Improve Your Home and Boost Its Value



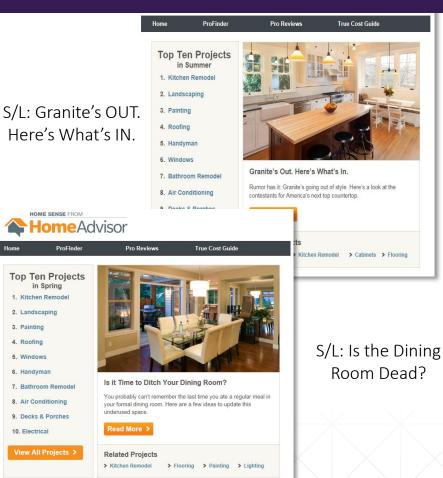
### Engagement-focused editions



### Conversion-focused editions



### Engagement-focused editions



### Results:

- +5% increase in open rate
- +18% increase in clickthrough rate

# Newsletter animation





**De-Stress Your Cleaning Routine** 

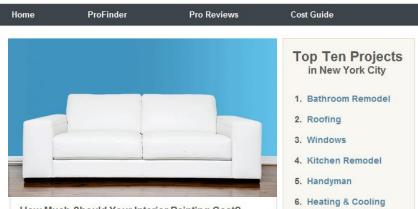




# Static versus animated image







How Much Should Your Interior Painting Cost?

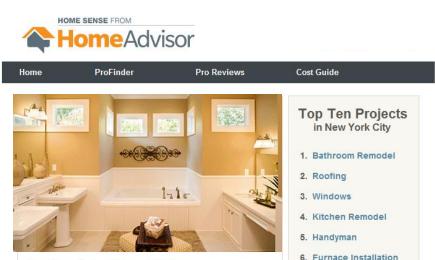


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			6. Furnace Installation

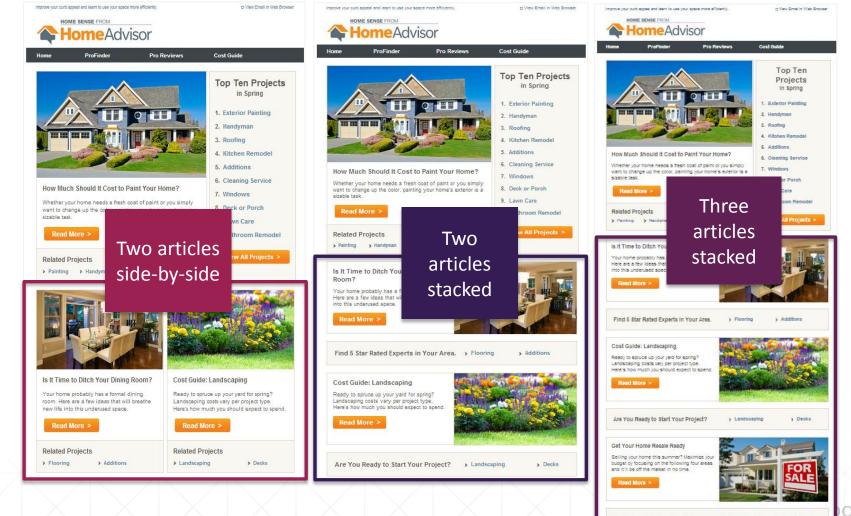
Find Your Style: Bathroom Designs

# Results: Animation helped conversions

- Tiny increase in clickthrough rate
- +5% lift in conversion rate



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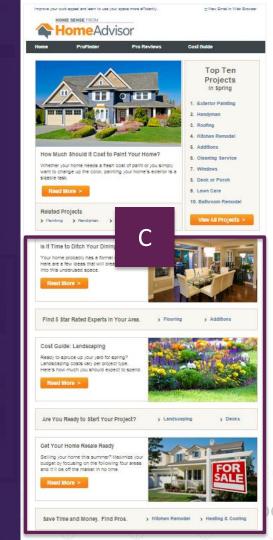
# Results: Improve clickthrough rate by increasing the number of articles

 +5% lift in clickthrough rate with three articles

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Are You Ready to Start Your Project? > Landscaping > Dec

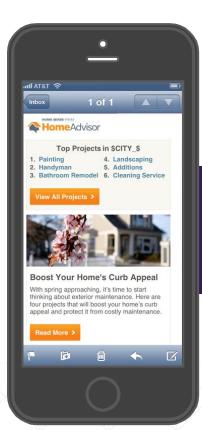


# Increase clickthrough and conversion by optimizing mobile email

# Unresponsive design

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## Responsive design

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conversion by

## Results: Responsive won

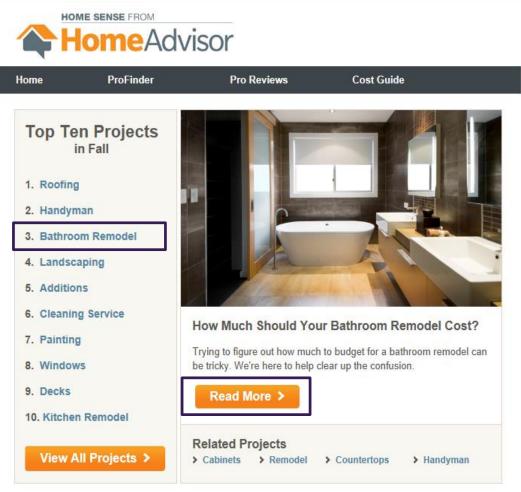
 +2% in clickthrough rate • +13% lift in conversion rate



four projects that will boost your home's curb appeal and protect it from costly maintenance

# Responsive design





Using email click data to deliver relevant content



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> Kitchen Remodel > Flooring > Windows > Cabinets



### Top Ten Projects

# Results: Relevant content won

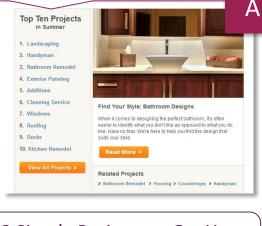
- +15% lift in open rate
- +16% lift in clickthrough rate
- +94% lift in conversion rate
- 8. Windows
   9. Decks
   40. Kitches Remodel



### Projects > Cabinet

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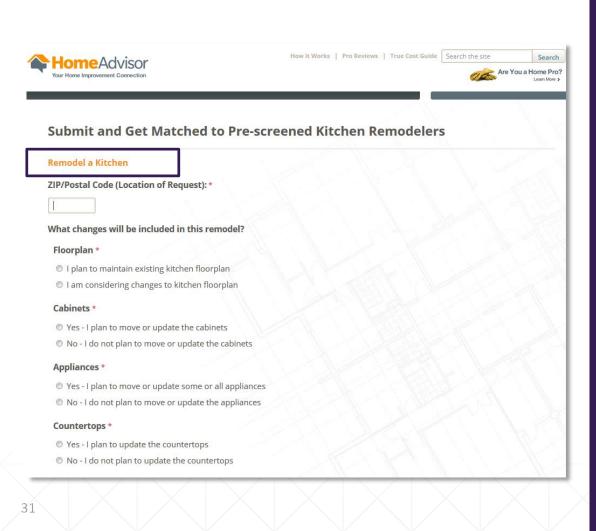
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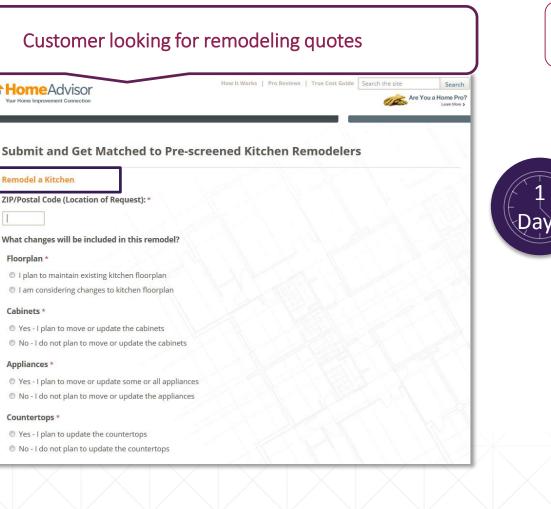
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Using site activity data to deliver relevant content





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### S/L: Window Costs in <City>. How Much Should You Pay?



**Related Projects** 

> Windows

# Bathroom Remodel Windows Roofing Kitchen Remodel Additions Cleaning Service Handyman

Top Ten Pro

8. Heating & Cooling 9. Basement Remodel 10. Painting

### Customer looking for remodeling quotes

Home Advisor

Submit and Get Matched to Pre-screened Kitchen Remodelers

Results: Relevant content won

- +35% lift in open rate
- +60% lift in clickthrough rate
  +94% lift in conversion rate

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Countertops \*

Yes - I plan to update the countertops

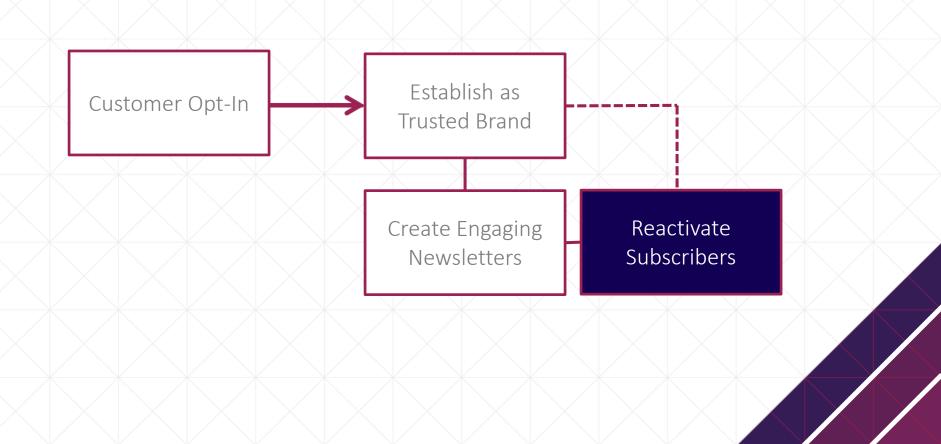
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# Re-engage inactive subscribers



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# What happens if people are inactive?

Goal: Improve deliverability by finding engagement thresholds by ISP

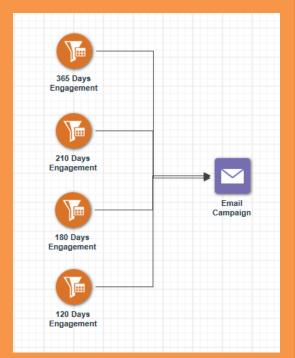
### Test

- What will different ISPs/domains tolerate for your email?
- Opened or clicked in X amount of time

### Results

- Inbox placement with major ISPs
- Low bounce rates across the board

### Domain and engagement segmentation



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# Re-engage inactive subscribers

### Goal

• Improve deliverability and remove dormant subscribers

Campaign

- Subscribers who had not engaged in over a year: Three emails, seven days apart
- Sent to small groups over the course of six months

### Results

20% reactivation rate



- Growth 2012 **→** 2015:
  - +260% lift in open rate
  - +4% lift in click rate
  - +298% lift in conversions



# • Growth 2014 **2**015:

- +19% lift in open rate
- +10% lift in click rate
- +85% lift in conversions

# Email marketing program results



# Top takeaways

Manage to the lifecycle
 Focus on engagement
 Improve deliverability









# Thank You

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