Bolstering the Customer Experience with Business Texting



### **July Webinar Agenda**

- Introduction
- Texting is a connection that improves conversion rates and customer experience
- Feedback closes the loop and informs your business
- GatherUp feature update



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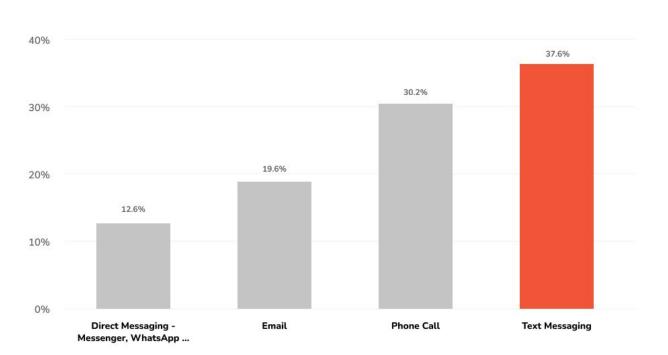
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#### **Consumers Want To Text Your Business**

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How do you prefer to communicate?

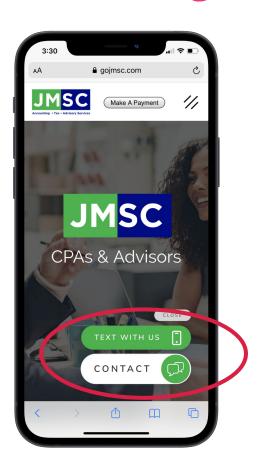


#### **Consumers Want To Message WITH You**

**89%** of consumers want to initiate two-way conversations with businesses via messaging

**78%** of consumers wish they could text a business

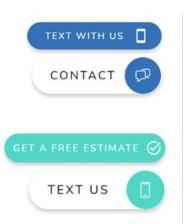
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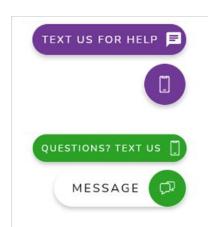


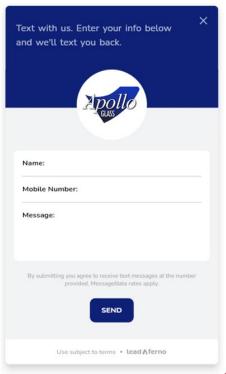
- Consumers want options & real-time
- Text is known, trusted, familiar
- Text is the lowest barrier
- Market how easy you are to work with
- Make every page a contact page

#### **Using Text To Power Conversion**











#### Text (web-to-text)

vs.

#### Live chat

#1 channel- familiar, trusted	Less predictable experience
Portable – read and reply anywhere	"Stuck" in the chat window
Consumer expectation is a same day reply (51%)	Consumer expectation is a reply within <b>minutes</b> (50.4%)
Can always take inbound messages and stays in SMS channel	Prospects leave when live chat is offline (57%) and defaults to email
Text is a connection, you can reach	Live chat is just a session, once



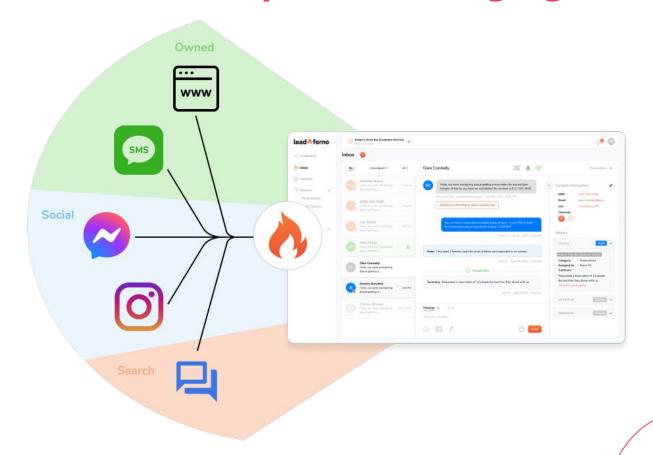
#### Text increases your speed to lead

The average reply to a digital lead is 17 hours.

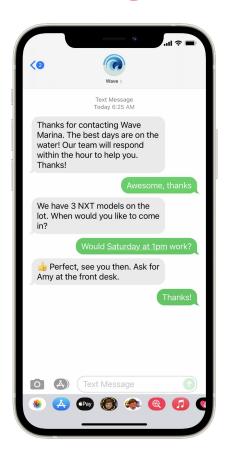
Avg response time to a text is 90 seconds, email is 90 minutes.

That's **60X** faster.

#### **More Than Text - Popular Messaging Channels**



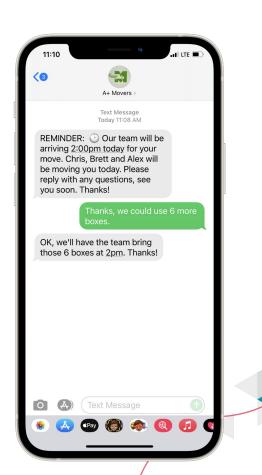
#### **Using Text To Improve Communication**



- Answer questions faster, easier
- A personalized channel
- Time saver both sides (your team already knows how to text!)
- Better touchpoints and connection
- Improved customer experience

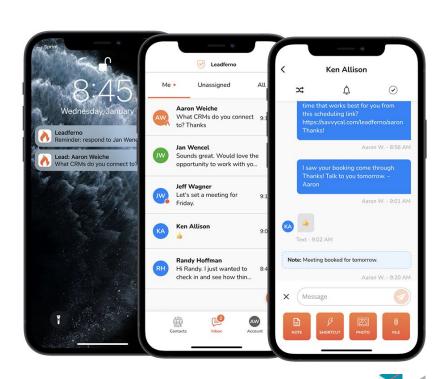
#### **Text Use Cases**

- Pre-sales questions
- Booking calls and appointments
- Sales process
- Reminders
- Updates
- Support and customer service
- Follow-up
- Feedback and review requests

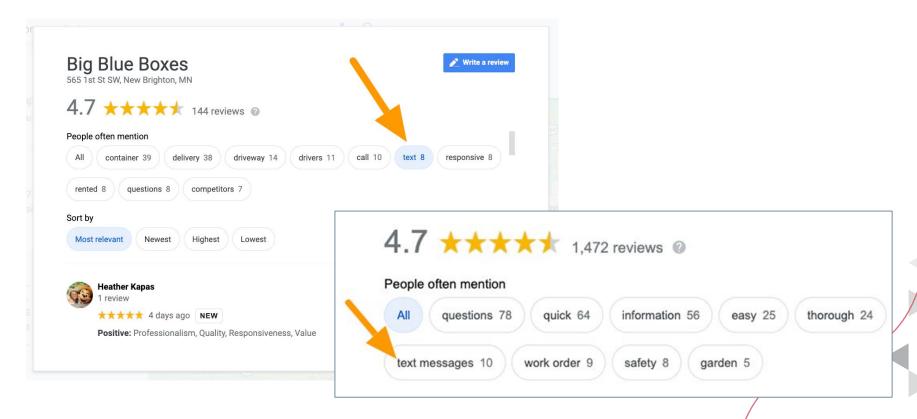


#### **Use a Business Messaging App**

- Secure & centralized data
- Web-to-text widget
- Business features
  - Saved replies
  - Auto-replies
  - Scheduled Messages
  - Transfer threads
- Integrations CRMs
- Tracking & reports



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#### Jeff Skibinski

2 reviews



A very pleasant and easy experience purchasing a new refrigerator. Many other retailers were out of stock of the model we wanted. I was able to check on availability and delivery and place my order, all via **text messaging**. Once I reviewed the order, a sales rep called me to arrange payment. We'll get our new refrigerator in a couple of days instead of a couple of months or more. Easy peasy!



Like

Response from the owner 8 months ago

Thank you, Jeff! We hope you enjoy your new refrigerator!

# **Texting Bolsters The Entire Customer Experience**



#### Jennifer Thompson

1 review



Recommendation from my auto insurance for a claim. Everything was sent over electronically from the ins company so when I got there to drop off my truck I was back out the door quickly, having 2 children along. Was told the repairs would take a week and I had the truck back a day earlier. Text communication from the shop so I knew every step of the way what was going on with my truck. Very pleased. Lifetime warrenty!





#### Data analysis among GatherUp partners

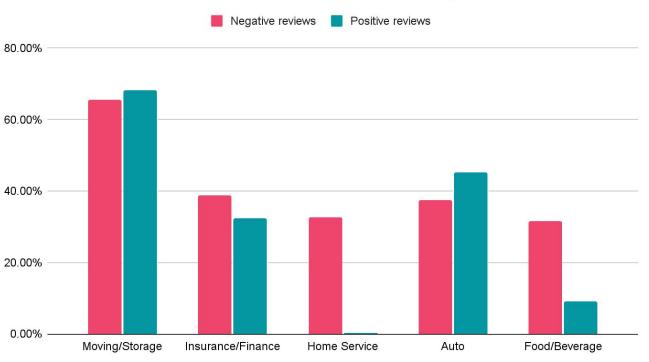
- More than 175,000 reviews across 5 industries
- Compared negative reviews (0-1.5 stars) to positive reviews (4.5-5 stars)
- Analyzed how often reviews contained keywords related to communication or responsiveness

#### How often communication is mentioned



## Difference by industry

Percent of reviews that mention communication or responsiveness



#### Once you delight the customer...

- Capitalize on the great experience you've given
- Ask for reviews at the opportune time
- Set expectations for the review request
- Utilize the same channel



### Send a Text Request

- 85 percent of smartphone users prefer mobile messages to emails or calls\*
- Automatically send when customer is added
- Make it timely based on industry

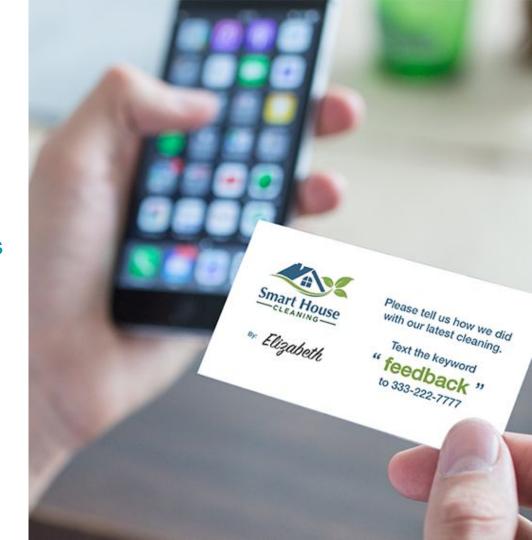




<sup>\*</sup>https://info.sopranodesign.com/the-power-of-mobile-communications

#### **Inbound Text**

- TextBack GatherUp's self-activated mobile SMS feedback generator
- Use signage, receipts, cards or staff
- Easy opt-in process
- Power is in the customer's hands





# Include URLs using GatherUp Tools

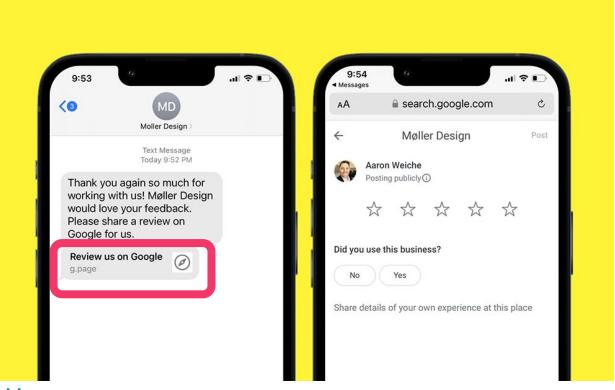


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#### Seamlessly add URLs to the conversation





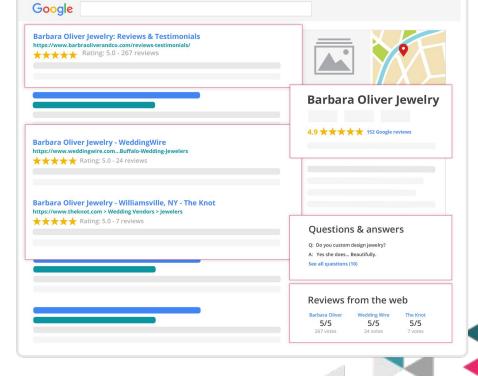
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## Reviews bring traffic to your site

- Drive visibility and ranking on Google
- 77% of people regularly or always read online reviews\*
- Reviews get customers to your "door" and Leadferno helps convert them

\*https://www.brightlocal.com/research/local-consumer-review-survey/





## Displaying reviews builds trust

- Showcasing all reviews on your site can help conversion rates
- Build social proof and trust
- Authenticity and transparency are valued by Google\*



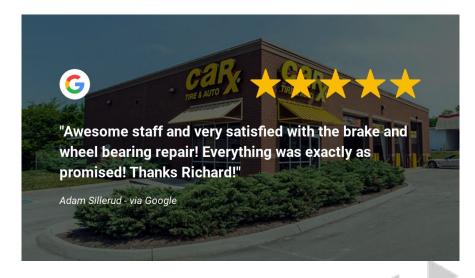
\*https://searchengineland.com/google-says-it-values-all-local-reviews-both-positive-and-negative-376503#





#### **Drive leads with Social & GBP**

- Share reviews as organic or paid posts to generate interest
- Use Google Posts to showcase images
- Use tools like Dall-e & Aircam.ai to create images
- Avoid stock photos







### Feedback powers the next conversation



I'm giving this hotel a Three-star I stayed here for a total of 10 days probably one of the most relaxed comfortable hotels I've been to in a long time The morning breakfast is delicious and the staff are really nice The reason I am not giving it a five star is three different times I asked for cleaning services and I was told three different times that it was going to happen and it never did I feel that's kind of disrespectful and put of character not only did they not come and clean my room but I actually had to call down to the desk twice and go to the maids personally myself three different times The desk lady told me they would be here Tuesday nobody showed then they told me they would be here Thursday nobody showed the day that they told me on Thursday I went to the maids personally and they told me they would be up here before 1 o'clock no one came I work out of state so I'm constantly working all day 12 hours a day it would've been nice to come home to a clean hotel I left a letter and \$20 saying thank you for cleaning my room and cleaning my bathroom nothing was never done That is the reason they do not get a 5 star Management If you get a chance to read this you guys should tighten up in this area

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Review received

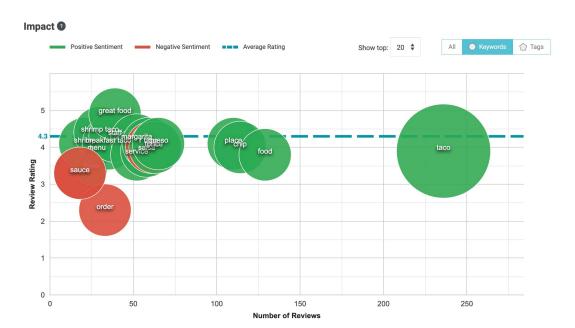
Customer Love Service Time Communication

Trip type: Business

Location: 5 Service: 1 Rooms: 1

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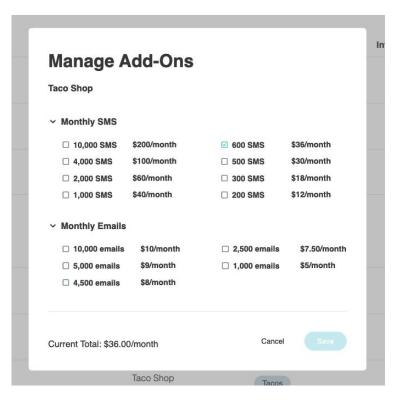
- Use technology to understand what is driving the experience
- Adjust customer journey steps accordingly
- Continue to learn and listen



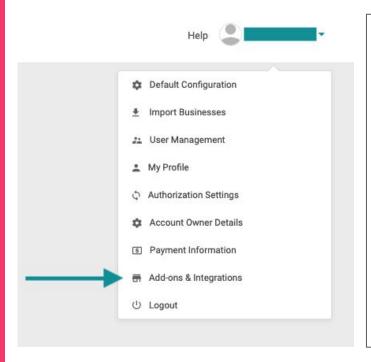


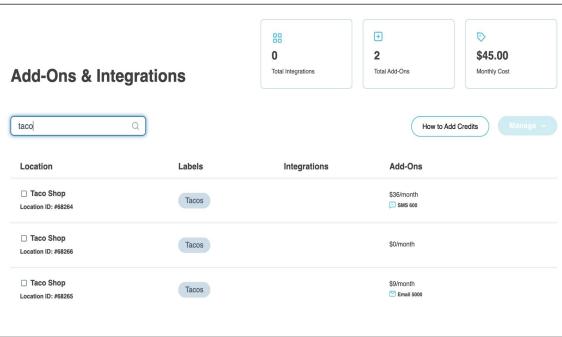
#### **Manage Email & SMS Credits**

- Purchase and remove email and SMS credits directly in the application
- No longer have to contact CS team
- Add what you need when you need it



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# Thanks for attending!



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