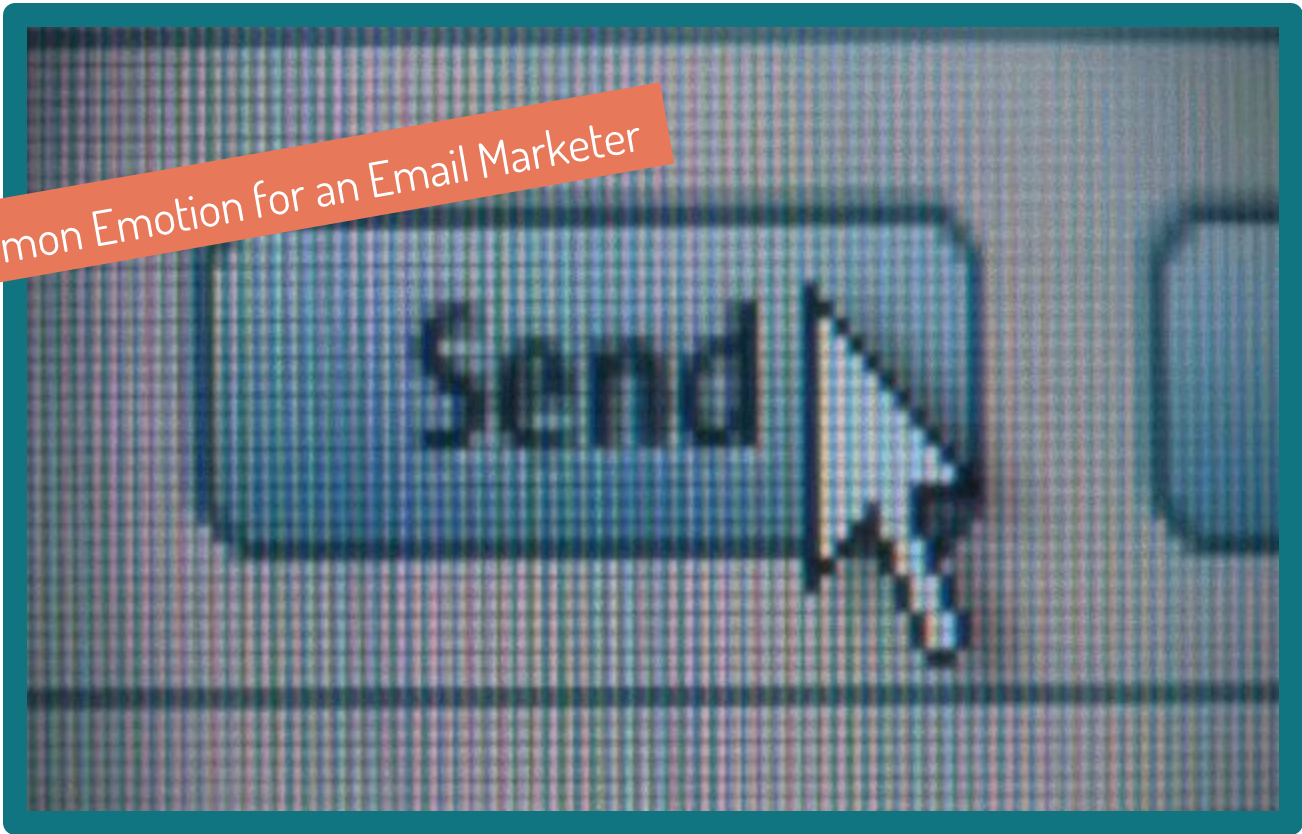


# Better Email - How to Optimize Your Outreach

October 26, 2018



Common Emotion for an Email Marketer



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How you'll feel after today's Better U!



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**None, because  
they've  
automated it!**



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Why are email  
marketers  
so good at  
opening jars?

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Why are email  
marketers  
so good at  
opening jars?

**They're  
obsessed with  
improving  
their open  
rates.**

# Why are we here?

- Email marketing has an average ROI of 3,800 percent. ([DMA National Client Email Report](#))
- For every dollar invested, the average return is \$38. ([Salesforce](#)) (\$32, according to [DMA](#))
- Email is the third most influential source of information for B2B audiences, behind colleague recommendations and industry thought leaders. ([WordStream](#))
- Email isn't going anywhere, with 3.7 billion global email users and a prediction of 4.1 billion users by 2021. ([Statista](#))
- In 2017 alone, 269 billion emails were sent and received each day (Statista, 2018). That's a staggering amount of daily emails. Not just that, but this figure is expected to increase to over 333 billion daily emails in 2022. ([Statista, 2018](#))
- Email continues to be the main driver of customer retention and acquisition for small and midsize businesses. According to the data, 81% of SMBs still rely on email as their primary customer acquisition channel, and 80% for retention. ([Emarsys, 2018](#))



# More food for thought

## How much does how we do it really matter?

- According to [MailChimp's latest data](#), segmented email marketing campaigns get 14.64% more email opens and 59.99% more clicks compared to non-segmented campaigns.
- Emails deemed as “relevant” drive 18 times more revenue than broadcast emails. ([Mailigen](#)).
- The average email open rate is 20.81% ([MailChimp](#)). On the other hand, the average open rate for a welcome email is 82% ([GetResponse, 2017](#)).
- Sending three abandoned cart emails results in 69% more orders than a single email ([Omnisend, 2018](#)).

## Is email as relevant for B2B as it is B2C?

- CTRs are 47% higher for B2B email campaigns than B2C email campaigns ([Emfluence](#)).
- 59% of B2B marketers say email is their most effective channel in terms of revenue generation ([Emma](#)).
- 73% of millennials identify email as their preferred means of business communication ([Procurious](#)).





What can email really do for my organization?

Encourage  
desired  
behavior

★ mention

December 3, 2015 - [View in browser](#)

Congrats Mike!

## You got your 1st Mention!



The Mention team wanted to congratulate you for receiving your first Mention! You are amazing!

Let us know if you have any comment or if you need any help setting up your alert. **Remember: we are here for you :)**

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**Casper**


  
**COME BACK TO BED**  
Looks like you left something behind. Return to your cart to complete your Casper purchase.

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Pillow (Standard)

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[RETURN TO CART](#)

  
"True story: I actually called out of work the day after my first night's sleep because I was so comfortable and wanted to stay in bed all day."  
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Deepen relationships, helping engagement and retention

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It feels like just yesterday

**August 6, 2014**



You took your first trip.

And people took notice

 **December 12, 2016**


You received your first compliment. "Great Hair and Smile"

Since then, you've received **65** more.

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You helped **5,665** riders




get where they needed to go. From the office and airport to interviews and first dates, you played an important part in so many people's lives.

Here's to the road ahead.

Happy Ubersiversary.



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# Set Your Preferences

Turn our boxes into your boxes

## Tell us a little bit more about yourself

so we can better customize your boxes and content. It only takes a few minutes, but will make your box of awesome just a little bit more awesome.

## We know your information is important

and we take your privacy seriously. Your personal information is secure and will never be shared with third parties.

### What do you like to do outside?

- Hiking
- Biking
- Watersports
- Camping

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MILLENNIALS: INSTANT OFFERS, REWARDS, TEAM PROFILES, CAR TIPS, WEBINARS

MILLENNIALS

#### Millennials in the Driver's Seat




Millennials, the largest group of buyers, are driving the real evolution in real estate. The latest innovation to address their preferences: RealEstate.com.

[Meet the millennials](#)

INSTANT OFFERS

#### Passionate Industry Response to Instant Offers



Recently we launched a tool called Zillow Instant Offers. Jay Thompson speaks out what Instant Offers is and what it will mean for agents and why Zillow Group places agents at the center of the transactions.

[Instant offers](#)

**PREMIERAGENT FORUM**

The fourth annual Premier Agent Forum is coming to Las Vegas this October and registration opens this Tuesday. Watch your email for the opportunity to get early bird pricing.

AGENT TOOLKIT

#### Is your team following up?

Make sure everyone on the team is on track with your lead follow-up plan by enabling reminders.

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# Every amazing email program includes:

1. An intentional content plan
2. Personalization/1:1 communication; not just 1:many
3. Quality content (design and copy)
4. Ongoing measurement and optimization
5. Compliance with regulations

## An Intentional Content Plan

# Content Planning

Email marketers should be planning at least a month out. More if you can swing it.

From a big picture perspective, what are my campaigns/themes?

- A weekly newsletter?
- Sales?
- Event registrations?

In the next 90 days, what's coming up that could be turned into interesting content?

- Holidays?
- Seasonal?
- Current events?



# Your Weekly Schedule

Daylight Savings is over! Take advantage of that extra hour and kickstart your November routine. We've got just the rides.

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Tuesday, January 02



**MATT WILPERS**  
70s Rock Ride

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**11:30 AM ET, 30 MIN.**  
Count Me In

# Tips for Content Planning

Define the organizational goal(s) you want to support through email marketing

Consider your audience, and what would be interesting content for them

Factor in everything that is already in the works

Work ahead on a repository of evergreen content

# Types of Emails

- Welcome: First interaction with your subscribers; should have minimal text and relevant images orienting the subscriber about your brand.
- Getting started/Feature: This kind of email is image heavy, and is conducive for embedded video.
- Newsletter: These emails provide a summary of updates that your subscriber is interested in, and is often heavier in text.
- Promotional: Usually focused more on the announcements and promotion of a sale and will have attractive images and lesser text.
- Transactional: These emails are triggered by a purchase; based user behavior and can be 20% promotional (per CAN-SPAM). These are often plain text, or have an image of the purchased product.

# Types of Content

- How-tos
- Product or tool comparisons
- Announcements/Company news
- Case studies
- White papers/eBooks
- Infographics
- Videos
- Webinars
- Q&A/FAQs
- Day in the Life
- Polls
- Checklists
- Research
- Event recaps
- Testimonials
- “Just for fun” - memes, GIFs, cartoons, etc.
- Inspirational quotes
- Book reviews
- Lists/Digests
- Reviews
- Featured customers
- Recommendations
- Guides
- Job aids
- Press releases
- Predictions/Forecasts
- Lifestyle
- Games
- Giveaways
- Photos
- User generated content
- Job postings/promotion
- Calendars
- Charts and graphs
- Roundups
- Polls/Surveys



## Personalization/1:1 communications; not just 1:many

# Making it relevant

Personalization: the act of targeting an email campaign to a specific subscriber by leveraging the data and information you have about them. Made most popular by the use of first names, personalization now goes much deeper than that, and is completely reliant on data.

- What data can be leveraged to accomplish relevancy?
- Is there specific content that could be made personal? (Even just a first name, which according to Experian, when used in a subject line increases opens by 26%)
- What segments exist within our database, even if informally?
- With consideration of an identified topic, is there a segment that would be most interested in? Is there a segment that couldn't care less and should be excluded?
- Are there segments that are left out of your plan, with nothing that would be relevant to them?
- Are there segments of your subscriber list that are engaging less than others? What might appeal to them?

# Quick Personalization Definitions:

## Segmentation

Email list segmentation is an email marketing technique where you segment (or split) your subscriber list, based on any number of conditions. It is a technique used by businesses and marketers to send relevant communications to specific people in an email marketing list.

Common uses:

- Lead source
- Lead type
- Level of engagement and/or amount spent
- Favorite types of content/products (based on surveys or behavior)

## Dynamic Content

Dynamic content (aka adaptive content) refers to web content that changes based on the behavior, preferences, and interests of the user. An email where the user's name is retrieved from the database and inserted automatically via HTML text is another example of dynamic content.

Common uses:

- Purchase cycle
- Past purchases
- Subscriber behavior
- Gender, Age, Race
- Location
- Cart abandonment
- Countdown timers





# WARBY PARKER

DEAR JOE

## Greetings from Warby Parker! Hope you're doing great.

We're writing because it looks like your prescription will expire on

# 8/24/2014

*(That's pretty soon)*

If you're thinking about new glasses, it might be convenient to purchase them before your prescription expires. We'd be happy to help you find an amazing pair!

SHOP MEN >

SHOP WOMEN >

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### NEED A NEW RX?

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## Hi Matthew Smith,

This is a friendly reminder that **your free trial of the Pro Plan is about to end.**

In **7 days from now**, you will benefit from a Free Plan, with 500 mentions per month, 1 month history and 3 alerts maximum. If this plan isn't just cutting it, you can **upgrade to Pro Plan** to keep your access to **50,000 mentions per month, unlimited history, unlimited alerts, access to statistics, report and data export module.**

[Keep my Pro Plan!](#)



### Don't worry about any more limitations

With the Pro Plan, you get 50,000 mentions per month, you can create as many alerts as you want and you have access to unlimited history of your mentions.

### Go Professional with dedicated features

The Pro Plan gives you access to the full Statistics module with detailed analytics of your mentions and the ability to generate PDF reports and export data should you want to analyze them your own way.



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Personalized Gift Finder

Here are some things for your significant other who is creative and into baking and cooking.

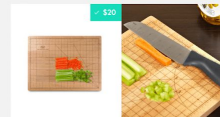
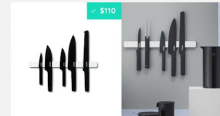
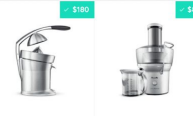
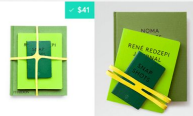


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# Types of Triggered Emails

Common triggered emails:

- New subscriber welcome email
- Purchase/donation/registration confirmation
- Cart abandonment
- Review request
- Remarketing emails
- Anniversary/Birthday
- Renewals
- Payment Reminders

# Why send a welcome email?

- 74.4% of subscribers said that they expect a welcome message when they subscribe.
- 83% of brands fail to make a good first impression to new subscribers.
- 41% of brands did not reach out even after 48 hours of subscription and 27% took an astonishing 3 weeks to send their first message ([Sendinblue](#)).

## HUGE MISSED OPPORTUNITY!

- Welcome emails have a 57.8% open rate compared to 14.6% for other types; 83% when the emails are sent in real time (Experian).
- Welcome emails have 14.4% click rate compared to just 2.7% in other types (Experian).
- The conversion rate is 0.94% for welcome emails (4.01% for real-time messages) compared to 0.10% for a typical email (Experian).
- People that read at least one welcome message read more than 40% of their messages from the sending brand during the following 180 days (ReturnPath).

On top of all that, the welcome email presents the opportunity to set the tone for a positive relationship, fuel brand appreciation, inform them about your company and values, and set expectations for communications from you.





Hi Smiles Davis,

Thanks for creating an nDash account!

nDash is a [content creation platform](#) that helps brands scale publishing with the world's top freelance writers. Here are a few suggested next steps:



**Create Your nDash Account**

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**Complete Your Group Profile**

Let our writer community know who you are, and the types of content you're looking for.



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- The nDash Team

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**Dave Gerhardt** <dg@drift.com> [Unsubscribe](#)

to me ▾

OK let's get this out of the way.

Even though this is an automated email...

I just wanted to say hey and let you know that I'm a real person.

I'm Dave, and I lead marketing here at [Drift](#). I might not know you personally yet, but I'm pumped that you're here.

You have my word that we'll be respectful of your inbox and only email you when we have some fresh new content or a big announcement that we want to tell you about.

**One favor before I go:** reply to this email and let me know why you signed up?

Would love to learn more about you.

Talk soon.

- Dave

[Drift.com](#)

## Quality content (design and copy)

# Use your emails to make your brand shine

Every interaction with your brand either helps or hurts your customer or member's relationship with you. And guess what kind of marketing is usually the most frequently used? You guessed it. Email. But, by its very nature as the most frequently used, it can be regarded as a throw-away. "I'll up my game on the next send."

What makes quality content?

- Subject lines with stopping power
- Compelling images
- Consistent (and good!) design
- Words that have personality, but not TOO many of them
- Emails that reinforce your core brand and value proposition

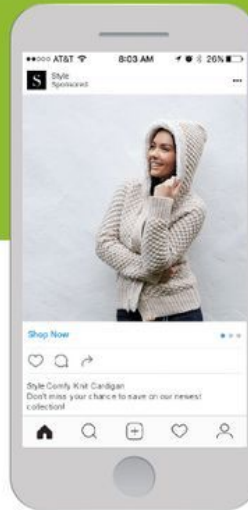


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You're pinching pennies just to buy groceries. No money left over to go to the movies or grab dinner out with a friend.	Maintain a realistic budget that gives you a weekly dollar amount for flex spending, so you can gift generously and still treat yourself.
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You're heading into the New Year with a credit card balance you can't immediately pay off.	Head into 2016 debt-free!
<a href="#">Get started</a>	



### How to Holiday The LearnVest Way

At LearnVest, we help our clients establish and maintain good money habits every day of the year. But these strategies are especially important during the holidays when rampant spending can put a dent in the financial progress you've made.

To give you a clearer picture of just how we'll help, we bring you a snapshot of a holiday season without the LearnVest Program and of (a merrier and brighter) one with it.

	
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# Quick tips for good design

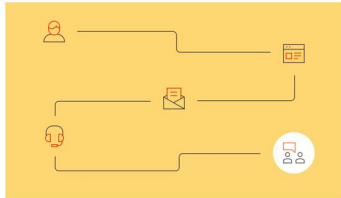
1. Keep your emails 600 or 800 px wide - forcing side to side scrolling is terrible for email engagement
2. Offer a CTA “above the fold”
3. No fancy fonts - only web friendly (Arial, Courier, Georgia, Helvetica, Tahoma, Times New Roman, Trebuchet, Verdana) and don't include more than two
4. Visually emphasize your CTA and repeat it twice
5. 80% text/20% image is the standard ratio, and considered best for deliverability
6. Use columns with caution - one column is the most straightforward, and easiest to make responsive, never exceed 3
7. Operate with “F” in mind - studies show readers consume in an F shape
8. GIFs are great - but never have an empty first frame, and use a light touch because they slow down load times
9. Always have a “View Online” link
10. Make it highly scannable
11. White space still applies
12. Keep copy short - usually 3 lines of text or less (leverage your landing page!) Don't forget that the goal of emails is to get the reader to a different page - not to sit and read the email without taking action.
13. Make sure your email feels visually connected to the page(s) you are sending them to
14. Use large typography in a pinch for a hero image (and don't forget the alt tag!)
15. Plan for no images



# Newsletters – A Quick Lesson

- Know what content is most important and highlight it
- Organize it into sections
- Personalize whenever possible
- Don't overwhelm the reader - though subscribers are WILLING to scroll, too much content damages effectiveness (reducing options increases action)
- Create a hardworking modular template that allows for different types of content while preserving a consistent experience for readers
- Keep copy to a minimum - your goal is to tease/engage, not comprehensively inform (reader needs to click for that)
- Track popularity of content types
- Use this opportunity to test: Because newsletters become expected content, and should be fairly consistent over time, it presents a terrific opportunity to isolate variables and test
- Turn up the volume on your branding - the frequency of email will help with brand recognition





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In many companies after sales and onboarding are set, users are left to figure out every feature themselves.

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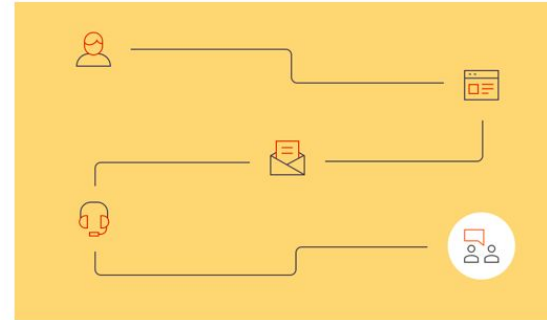
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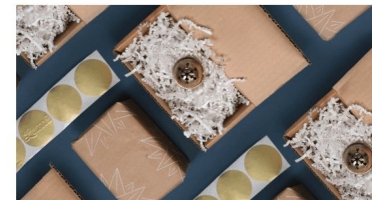
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## Ongoing measurement and optimization

# Know what works and what doesn't

If a marketer tells you there's only one right way to do something in email, they are delusional or lying to you. Email optimization isn't about getting it right the first time, or with one single email, it's about intentionally learning and applying those lessons to future emails. Every single email audience is different, so every audience needs to be tested.

Common A/B tests:

- Send time
- Subject Line
- Sender "From" name

Where to find benchmark data:

- Email/Marketing Automation System
- Industry Thought Leaders

# Where to start?

## Goal Setting

Get familiar with industry performance standards, but be careful - don't automatically measure your success or failure against them. Also make sure to understand their methodology and definitions.

## Why?

Performance is LARGELY associated with the nature of your business and the condition of your email subscriber list.

## So How?

Take note of where you are in comparison to industry norms, but don't assign a ton of meaning to it yet. Then focus on what areas you want to improve on, in general, and start to measure your success against consistent growth toward those goals.

## Optimizing Performance

Check out my recent blog about A/B testing for initial guidance, and tie in your testing plan to the performance you want to improve. A subject line test is not necessarily the thing to start with if you want to improve click throughs. It could be, but wouldn't be the most common tactic. Don't default to the test that is easiest to run. Embark on the test that can have the most impact, with consideration of your system's capabilities.

## So How?

Create a testing plan that is sustainable for you, and grounded in goals, data, and a strong hypothesis that you want to check against, such as a statement like this:

- “Increasing the size of the primary CTA button on our emails will result in more clicks of that button, compared to the others.”



# Don't forget deliverability

While metrics vary from year to year, approximately 20% of the emails you send to opted-in subscribers might not be arriving. Everyone knows to keep an eye on SPAM complaints, but very few email systems provide information on deliverability. To get accurate information requires a pricey purchase of a service like ReturnPath, so our best advice is to follow best practices to earn a strong sender reputation.

- Keep a relatively consistent sending schedule, and don't overdo it (don't worry - overdoing it means a LOT of emails)
- Make sure your subscribers opt in, and don't be afraid to scrub your email list (anyone who hasn't opened an email in 6 months should be considered for removal, or at least an email asking them to re-opt in)
- Offer a preference center to allow subscribers to select what content they would like from you
- Understand your subscriber's engagement cycles, and during low phases, send emails that have high value for them
- The more you try to create an email program that people want to receive, the more your sender reputation will benefit





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NOW, GET THE EMAIL YOU WANT AND NOTHING MORE.**

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**FIRST NAME \***

**ZIP CODE \***

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MONTH  DAY

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As often as you can send!  Once or twice a week  Once or twice a month

**WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT?**

- New products, insider info, and special offers
- Events and happenings at retail stores near you
- Delicious new recipes

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?**



Orange



Yellow



Blues



Reds



Greens



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**WHAT KIND OF COOK ARE YOU?**

- Just the basics
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On  
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On  
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Every time  
 Every 5th time  
 Never

 Email me when someone Favos my design inspiration.

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 Never

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## Compliance with regulations

# Follow the rules

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Email spammers have made it difficult for legitimate email marketers to earn the trust of their subscribers, and a “break-up” is only ever one click away. Respect for those allowing companies into their personal inboxes should be shown, by following rules and best practices set at the top.

Consider:

- CAN-SPAM - Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing (**CAN-SPAM**) Act of 2003
- GDPR - EU's General Data Protection Regulation
- Email Accessibility

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## CAN-SPAM

- Accurate “From” name and address
- No misleading subject lines
- Include your physical address (usually in the footer)
- Include an easy-to-find way to opt out of emails, honor those, and act as quickly as possible
- Know the difference between a translational email and a marketing email
- Punishment of CAN-SPAM violations include fines and possible imprisonment

## GDPR

- Applies to any organization who has data for EU citizens, or who is providing goods or services to EU citizens (even when free)
- Broadly speaking, GDPR requires you to look at all of your data acquisition, tracking and data use systems, and then determine whether they adequately document the consent requirements, permit compliance with transparency requirements, and can be purged when requested by a data subject.
- Other things to consider: you MAY want to send a re opt-in email, if you have any concerns about whether you have data on when subscribers opted in, where they opted in, whether you clearly informed them when they subscribed about what content they can expect (and can you prove it?) and can your subscribers easily unsubscribe?



It really comes down to doing the right thing with the personal data you collect. Only send emails and information to people who've given you permission to do so for the purpose you told them.

- AJ Weber



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**I'll go...**



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# Email accessibility

Email accessibility means making sure that people with disabilities, or who are using assistive technologies, don't miss out on key information when receiving your emails.

Quick tips:

- Use high-contrast colors
- Be careful with GIFs and animation speeds
- Use readable font sizes (generally 14 pixels and higher)
- Use descriptive alt text for images (preview emails with images turned off to check for this)



# Next Steps

- Complete this worksheet, pass it along to others on your marketing team, and discuss results and recommendations for adjustments to your current email program.
- Sign up for 2-3 email marketing newsletters - ensuring regular exposure to thought leadership.
- Consider how you plan out your email content; email calendars mapped out beforehand are usually more thoughtful and creative.
- Evaluate your email marketing software with consideration of features/functionality you should be taking advantage of or essential components that are lacking.
- Set 1-2 goals that you can take action on, related to improving your email program, yet in 2018.

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