From Good to BAD: How to GENERATE 6+ FIGURES WITH EMAIL & SMS THIS BFCM



5 PHASES FOR A BAD BFCM SEASON

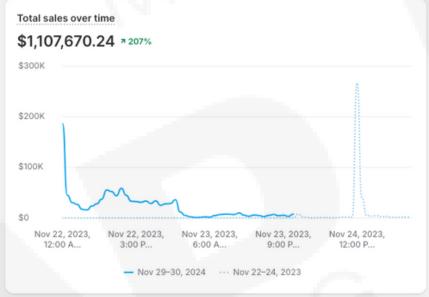
- 1 Email & SMS Account Optimization
- 2 List Growth: Pre, During, & Post-BFCM
- **3.** Build Sender Reputation
- 4 Develop a BAD Strategy
- 5 Implement Your BAD Strategy



STOP. THIS IS IMPORTANT!

- This strategy is a recommendation. You are your brand's expert & must know how to adapt for your audience.
- The suggestions in this guide assume that you have other services in place (e.g., ads, social media).
- The tactics shared apply to email & SMS, but the channels of communication are not the same.
 Email & SMS content, frequency, & timing should be different.
- **Do your research.** There are many nuances & steps that cannot fit in this guide.
- It is assumed that **prior to these 5 phases,** you have already internally solidified things like BFCM mood boards, offers, etc.





TIMEFRAME: 3 DAYS
(SALE DID SO WELL, CYBER MONDAY WAS CANCELED)

TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,746,054.62

REVENUE FROM EMAIL & SMS: \$813,429.49

46.6% OF REVENUE FROM EMAIL & SMS



PHASE 1



OPTIMIZE FOR ENGAGEMENT

A big email & SMS list is great. Failure to keep up with & nurture those leads? Not so great.

AUDIT YOUR ACCOUNTS

Fill in the gaps so that you get the most out of every email & SMS sent.

• REVIEW THE DATA

It's not about you, it's about your customers. Make datadriven decisions.

CLEAN YOUR LISTS

Stop paying for people who aren't paying you. You need to know who on your list is engaging & who is harming your accounts.



AUDIT ACCOUNTS

Fill in the gaps so that you get the most out of every send & leave no money on the table.

ASK YOURSELF:

- Where are there clear gaps in the customer journey?
- Which performance metrics are suffering?
- Which flows & pop-ups/forms are missing? Outdated?
- Which flows & pop-ups require BFCM versions?

AT A MINIMUM, THESE SHOULD BE LIVE:

- Website pop-up
- Welcome flows
- Post-purchase flow
- Order updates (transactional)
- Site, browse, cart, & checkout abandonment flows

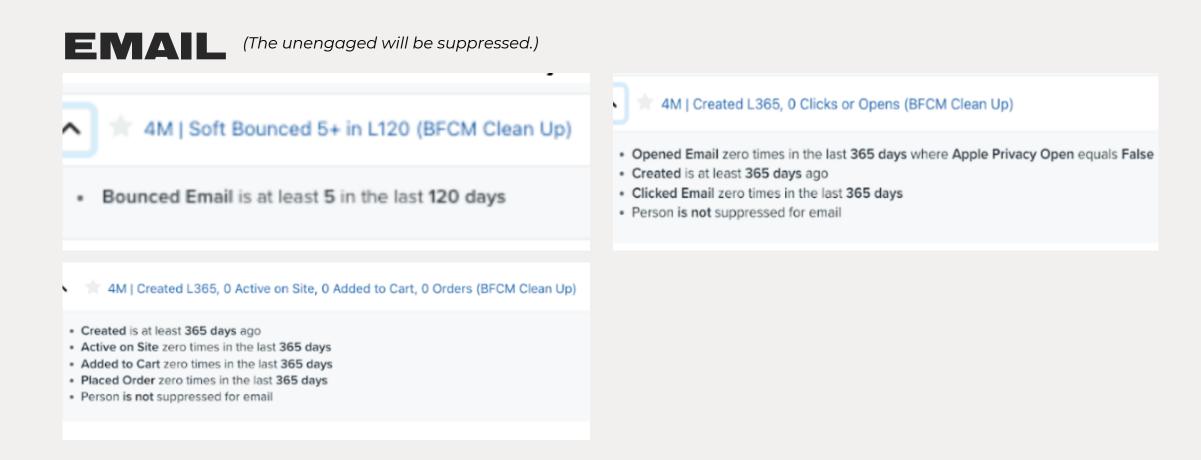
ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FLOWS NEEDED:

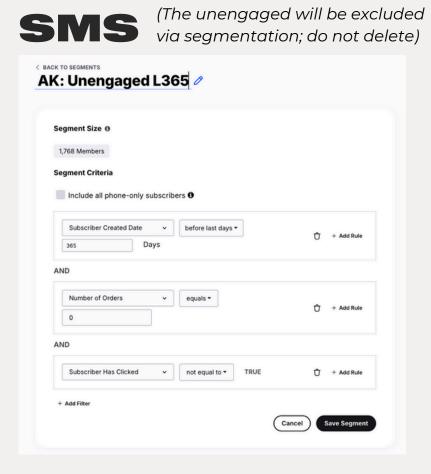
- Sunset flow
- Cross/upsell flows
- Winback flows
- Non-buyer but subscribed for X days flow
- Rewards (if applicable)
- Subscription upsell (if applicable)



CLEAN YOUR LISTS

If you haven't regularly done re-engagement campaigns & list cleanings, here's some segments to start with. You must use your judgment based on your brand & subscribers.





Note: If you're not comfortable suppressing pre-BFCM, you should consider it post-BFCM. You're likely overpaying &/or harming important metrics for deliverability. Just because somebody is a customer doesn't make them a good email or SMS subscriber.



PHASE 2



GROW YOUR LIST

You need plenty of time before BFCM to collect, nurture, & indoctrinate new leads. It can take 3-5 messages for a subscriber to decide on purchasing. The more touch points you have, the faster you grow. **To start, pick the top 3 \gamma that are right for your brand.**

POP-UPS	EXIT INTENT FORMS	SOCIAL PUSHES
REFERRAL PROGRAMS	EMAIL & SMS	ONSITE FORMS
GIVEAWAYS	OPENSEND	APP W/ PUSH NOTIFICATIONS
QUIZZES/SURVEYS	AT CHECKOUT	COLLABS



PRE-BFCM GROWTH

This needs to be incredibly enticing, not only to get as many people as possible subscribed to your lists, but to keep them engaged once they do.

OGOAL

Create FOMO by hyping up early access. Create an engaging offer they can't refuse.



DEST METHODS

- On-site pop-up & forms
- At checkout
- Quizzes/surveys
- Campaigns: Incentivize email subscribers to join SMS & vice versa
- Social, referrals, app, etc.

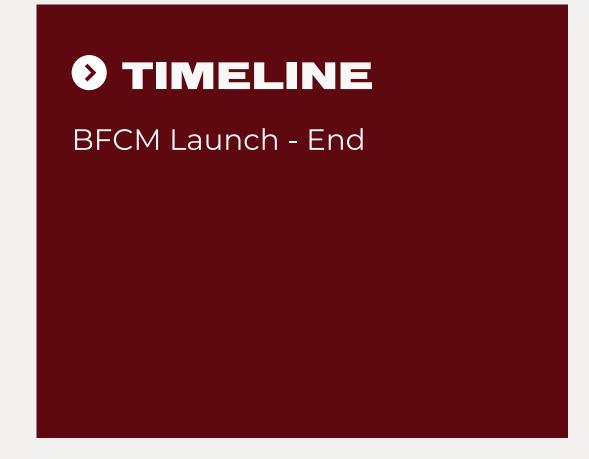


DURING BFCM GROWTH

Don't opt out, optimize. Traffic is higher than ever; do not miss out on capturing it.

O GOAL

Your pop-up should reflect your BFCM offer, not your usual welcome offer. This popup will link to your BFCMspecific welcome flow.



D BEST METHODS

- On-site pop-up & forms
- Exit intent pop-up
- At checkout
- Opensend

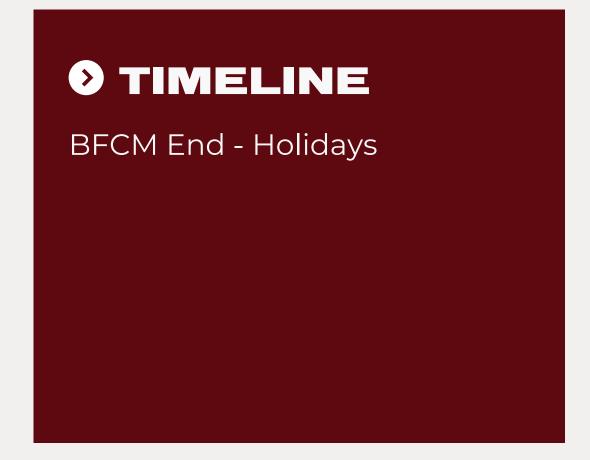


POST-BFCM GROWTH

A great time to be bold & keep customers buying after a big spending season.

O GOAL

Keep the good times rolling.
Just like pre-BFCM, this needs
to be engaging & enticing.
Consider giving back, with a
FREE PDF, giveaway, or
surprise refunds.



DEST METHODS

Any previous methods highlighted.



PHASE 3



BUILD SENDER REPUTATION

Do not underestimate this step. You can have the best product. The best subject line. But **if your reputation is bad, you won't even reach inboxes.** You need to prep segmentaion to properly warm up to a full list send & target subscribers personally & effectively during BFCM season.

PREP SEGMENTATION

- You have data, use it. Make detailed segmentation that helps every send count
- Detailed segments assist in warming up to a full list send
- Prep makes scheduling a high volume of emails faster

• WARM UP TO A FULL SEND

- Reserve full list sends for 1-2X per year
- You cannot go from 0 to 100; you need to warm up to a full list send



PREP SEGMENTATION

The opportunities are endless. You MUST use the data you've collected, understand the people on your list, & use that to deliver a personal experience. Prep by category; on average, BAD creates 5-15 segments per category (variations in product, timing, etc.).

BUYERS	NON-BUYERS	WINBACK
ACTIVITY ON SITE	CREATED DATES	AOV
LTV	LOCATION	BY PRODUCT
GENDER	LEVELS OF ENGAGEMENT	BRAND SPECIFC PROGRAMS
PREDICTIVE ANALYTICS	COMMUNICATION PREFERENCE	BUYING HABITS (EX: VIPS VS SALE-ONLY BUYERS)



STOP. THIS IS IMPORTANT!

How you use your new segments matters.

- Most campaigns will be sent to a blend of the most common segments to increase the likelihood of engagement & conversions.
- Who you send to is just as important as who you **don't** send to. Including the wrong segments too much leads to poor deliverability. Excluding the wrong segments too much leads to decreased conversions. You have to understand your data to determine the best route.

When deciding on segmentation, ask yourself these 3 questions first:

- What's the goal?
- Who would benefit?
- Who would NOT benefit?

DO NOT send to the same segments over & over.



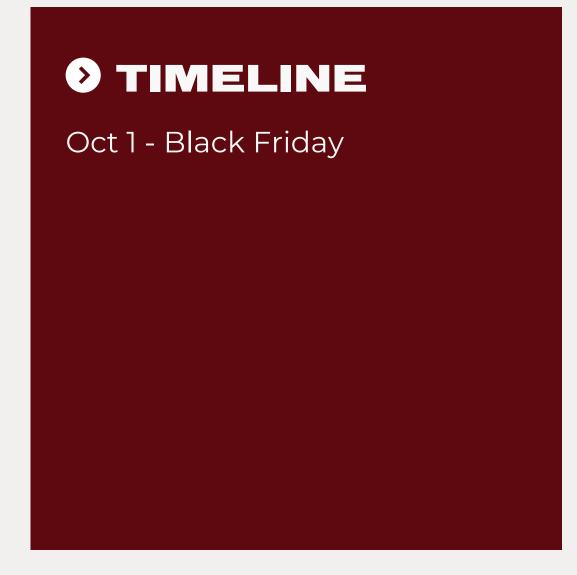
WARM UP TO A FULL SEND

MOST brands start sending to their largest segments or their full list as soon as BFCM hits. This can be detrimental to deliverability.



Email: You need to slowly increase your sending volume.

SMS: You need to focus on building engagement for each segment group.



D BEST METHODS

Email:

 Growing sending volume by 1.5X

SMS:

- Create re-engagement campaigns
- Use conversational messaging



How to Calculate Email

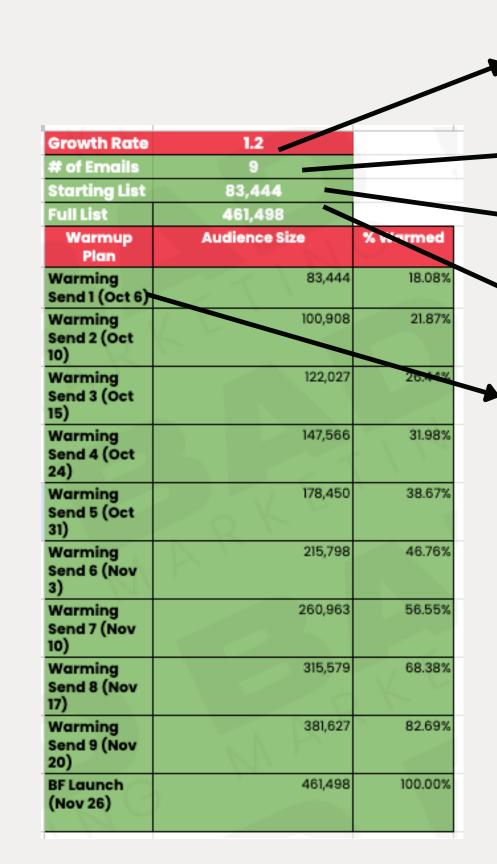
SEND VOLUME

BAD uses an Excel sheet calculator to calculate efficiently & effectively.

Here's what you need to know:

- Your total number of active recipients.
- How many email campaigns you'll send before your full list send.
- Then do the math to determine what 1.5X growth looks like.

This is where the segments you prepped come in & help you meet the recipient total needed.



Make sure this number doesn't exceed 1.5.

May need adjusting depending on emails sending between now & BF.

Based on the average # of recipients sent to in September.

Change this number based on the total number of active profiles listed.

Send dates may change based on your strategy. Adjust dates accordingly.



STOP. THIS IS IMPORTANT!

When you get to this point, if you still have not:

- Developed mood boards for your BFCM content
- Have sale dates & offers solidified (we recommend no changes at least 3 weeks before launch)
- Have a main source of truth for your offer details & team responsibilities

Go back & complete them before moving on. Once you have, you can use your data to strategize & prep campaigns & flows.



PHASE 4



BUILD A BAD STRATEGY

Now, all your prep work comes together to build a strategy that converts.

O STRATEGIZE

Use your data to build out your campaign strategy for:

- Hype
- Pre-Sale (opt.)
- Early Access (opt.)
- Black Friday / Cyber Monday
- Post-BFCM

• CAMPAIGN PREP

Get campaigns built & scheduled as far in advance as possible.

Make sure content is relatable, creates a sense of urgency, & offers & CTAs are easy to find.

FLOW PREP

Your flows, like your pop-ups, should mimic your offer.

With a huge spike in traffic, you want to make sure these present the best offer out there.



STRATEGIZE

1. Hype

- October Black Friday Launch
- Promotes BFCM & early access sign-up

3. Early Access

- Part of the list growth tactic; Boosts engagement for a VIP experience
- 3-4 days prior to Black Friday launch

5. Cyber Monday

- A continuation of the BF offer or a unique CM offer
- 3-4 days after Black Friday
- Opt: Extend sale an extra 1-2 days

2. Pre-Sale (opt.)

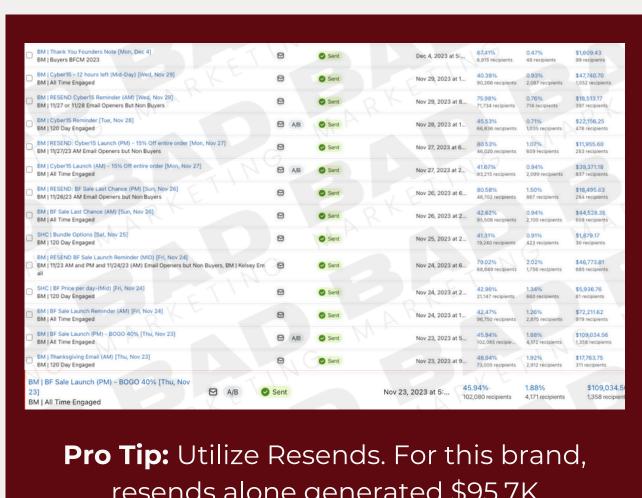
- 14-17 days before Black Friday
- Drives revenue via VIPs early

4. Black Friday

- The big day!
- Actual BF: Day after Thanksgiving
- Opt. Start Dates: 1-4 days before Black Friday

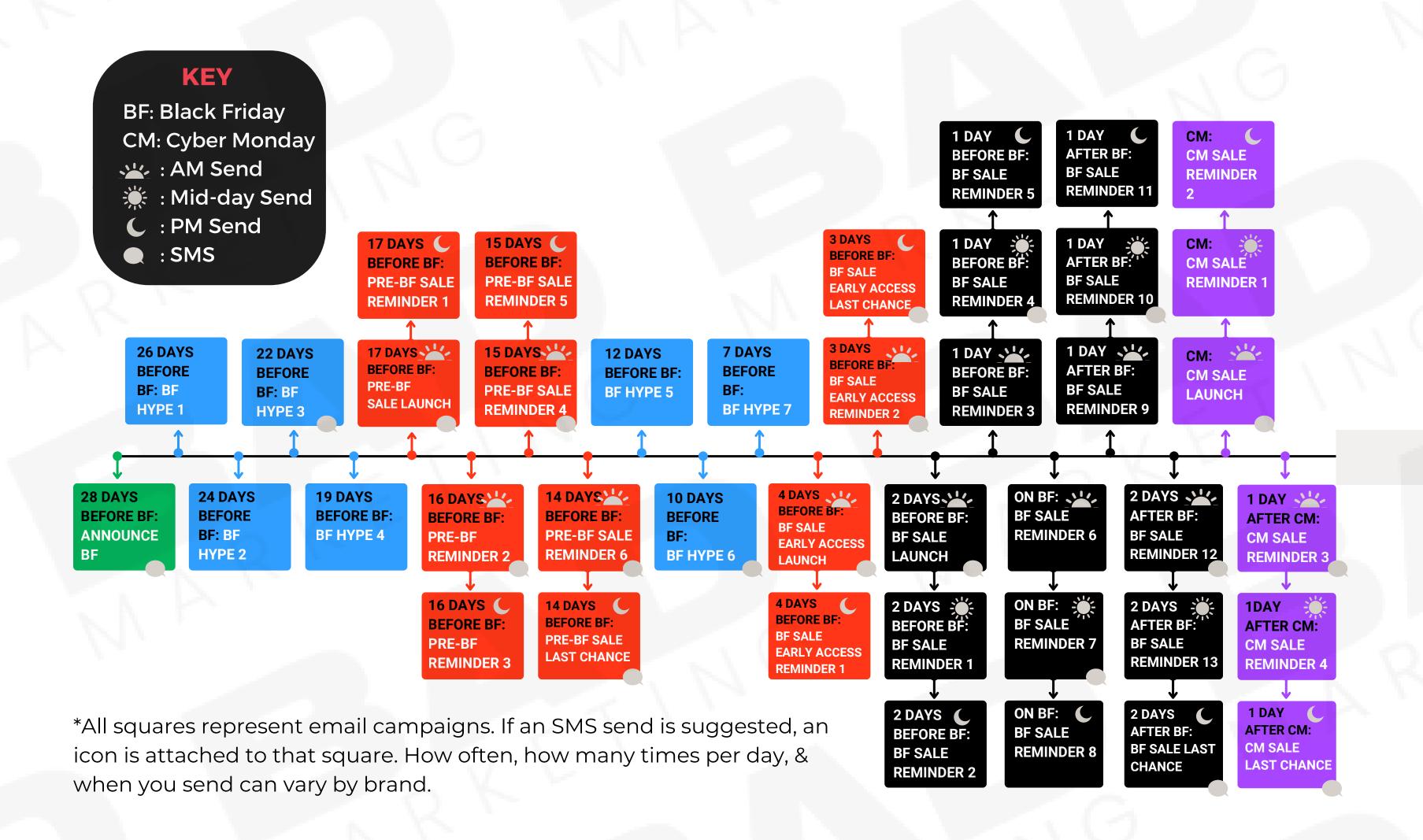
6. Post-BFCM

- Capture customers who missed BFCM promos or want to shop for gifts
- Different than BFCM offer; Dates dependent on shipping deadlines



resends alone generated \$95.7K

IMPORTANT: Keep in mind segmentation when strategizing. You need to make sure that for long sales those being excluded from reminders are being communicated with separately, to remain engaged.





HYPE

Build awareness, excitement, & anticipation leading up to BFCM.

O GOAL

- Continue to engage & excite current subscribers
- Capture interest of new subscribers & get them on your list + get existing subscribers signed up for a platform they aren't on

O BEST TACTICS

- Engagement campaigns
- Social proof & reviews
- Emphasizing brand value
- Tips & education
- How products are used in current trends
- "Us versus Them"
- Tips on building a wishlist

- Engaged, VIPS
- Winback
- VIPs
- BF sale shoppers or saleonly shoppers
- Window shoppers
- Full send warm-up segments



PRE-SALE

This is optional, but a great time to honor VIPs & test offers.

O GOAL

Capture conversions before all the BFCM noise

O BEST TACTICS

- Keep copy short & direct
- Make the offer clearly visible & bold
- Make branding stand out & feel extremely personal
- Make content relevant to the segment(s)

SEGMENTATION

What determines a VIP varies by brand. Examples:

- People who have spent the most overall time
- People who have bought most frequently
- Based on email & SMS engagement



EARLY ACCESS

Similar to the hype phase, build anticipation for Black Friday by offering early sale access.

O GOAL

- Capture conversions from VIPS
- Leverage SMS or other exclusive platforms (like your app or rewards members, if applicable)
- During early access, keep reminding others that they could be shopping right now if they subscribed

O BEST TACTICS

- Keep copy short & direct
- Make the offer clearly visible & bold
- Make branding stand out & feel extremely personal
- Make content relevant to the segment(s)

- Past subscribers who opted in for early access
- New subscribers from your BFCM lead generation
- VIPs who didn't buy during the pre-sale
- L90D engaged (if your early access list is too small)



BLACK FRIDAY

The day everyone has been waiting for. Be BAD in your messaging to stand out!

O GOAL

Cut through the noise. Be disruptive & stay top of mind.

O BEST TACTICS

- If you want to avoid sending delays & competitors reaching customer inboxes first, you need to get scheduled well in advance.
- Don't send on the hour
- Speak to segments
 differently (VIPs vs on a
 subscription vs non-buyers,
 etc.)

- Initial launch email: to the full list (you've been warming up for this)
- All other sends need to be strategically segmented for those best suited to include & exclude. Do not continue sending to the same list every day.



CYBER MONDAY

Your last chance to capture those shoppers still looking for a good deal.

O GOAL

Depending on the product, capture those who didn't buy during Black Friday or encourage customers to come back & shop again for themselves or others.

O BEST TACTICS

- If you want to avoid sending delays & competitors reaching customer inboxes first, you need to get scheduled well in advance.
- Don't send on the hour
- Speak to segments
 differently (VIPs vs on a
 subscription vs non-buyers,
 etc.)

- If the offer is the same, continue segmenting strategically as you were for BF reminder emails.
- If the offer is new, target "all-time engaged."
- Just like Black Friday, who you include & exclude is extremely important.



POST-BFCM

This is the transition into the holiday season, where gift-buying becomes the main focus.

O GOAL

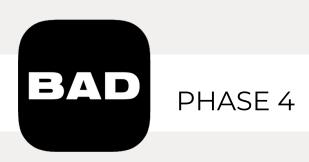
Use this time to capture those who missed your sale + those still ready to buy & want to buy again for themselves or start holiday shopping early.

O BEST TACTICS

- Offer a deal that's about 10-15% less than your BFCM offer & target people who have BFCM FOMO
- Base your offers around shipping deadlines

SEGMENTATION

Continue to target your most common segments strategically.

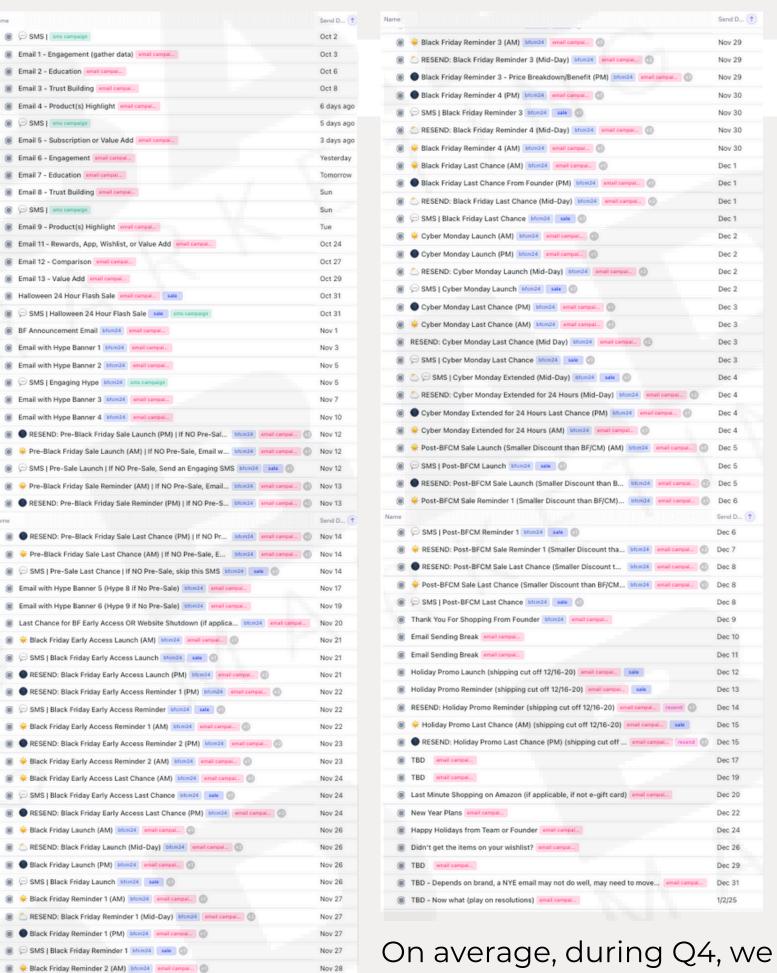


CAMPAIGN PREP

Now that you know your strategy, it's time to put to use the data you collected earlier.

Build out your November & December strategies together.

- On sale launch & end dates, keep copy short & sweet, focused on the sale.
- Keep visual hierarchy & white space in mind. Standing out can be simple.
- Reminders should add value, educate, & engage. Use banners to help.
- Post BFCM, the strategy is about the same.



■ Black Friday Reminder 2 | | Happy Thanksgiving (PM) Mcm24 email campal.
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SMS | Black Friday Reminder 2 bfcm24 sale 0

On average, during Q4, we send a total of 80-90 Emails & 25-35 SMS.



FLOW PREP

It's your biggest offer of the year. Every piece of communication should leverage it.

O GOAL

Clone your flows & create versions that contain language around BFCM.

O BEST TACTICS

- Remove any offers that are currently in the welcome or abandonment flows & replace them with the BFCM offers.
- If your Black Friday & Cyber Monday sales offers are different, you will need to adjust the offer for each launch.

WHAT TO ALTER

- Welcome
- Site Abandonment
- Browse Abandonment
- Abandoned Cart
- Abandoned Checkout
- Post Purchase / Order Updates

You should utilize dynamic content blocks when building these.



PHASE 5



IMPLEMENT YOUR STRATEGY

Now, all your prep work comes together to deliver a strategy that converts.

1 WEEK BEFORE BF

- Emails & SMS scheduled
- Offers tested
- Compliance checked

• BF LAUNCH DAY

- Make BF flows live
- Make BF pop-ups live
- Check that campaigns launched properly

OCM LAUNCH DAY

If offer is different than BF:

- Turn off BF flows & pop-ups
- Turn on CM flows & popups
- Check that campaigns launched properly



LET'S RECAP YOUR PRIORITIES

- Check your sender reputation & start building up to a full list send
- Optimize your list growth for pre-BFCM
- Solidify your sale dates & offers. Make sure your team is on the same page!
- Start building your BFCM campaigns so that you can schedule them ASAP
- Audit your account for opportunity
- Prep your BFCM flows & pop-ups
- Test your offers & compliance
- Launch your BADDEST sale yet!



BAD EXAMPLES

From Nominal <Support@Nominalx.com> Subject Nominal is officially shut down.

Well, Nominal is officially shut down — just for 24 hours.

After all, it takes a lot of work to discount the entire website up to 60% off.

Our Black Friday Sale begins at 12PM EST tomorrow, and it's everyone for themselves.

Things sell out, deals go quick, and it isn't a pretty sight when you don't get what you want.

But, we're here to help you make sure that doesn't happen.

Here are some pro tips (from our very own staff) so you have the advantage during Black Friday:

- 1. Get in Early: Sign up for our SMS list or download our app to get a one-hour head start (11AM EST) before the rest of the world can
- 2. Fast & Correct Checkout: Save time during checkout by having all of your card & address info ready. Double-check too! Just because an item is in your cart does not mean it's reserved for you, and if your address is incorrect, you might accidentally gift a stranger with
- 3. Keep an Eye on Us: Don't move your sights off your email inbox, your texts, and our Instagram. Updates, giveaways, alerts it all happens from one page: Nominal.

Follow our pro tips above and it'll be smooth golden sailing. We'll see you at 12:00PM EST (or 11:00AM if you're early).

And remember: this year has a great cause behind it. Every single order placed, no matter the value, donates a meal to a family in Palestine.

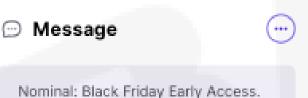
Thank you for your constant support, Nominal Family. We'll see you tomorrow!

BM | BF Site Shut Down [Wed, Nov 15] BM | 120 Day Engaged

64.63% 88,919 recipients 0.80%

1,105 recipients

\$62,210.78 572 recipient



Up to 60% off everything, 40+ new pieces.

Be the first to shop.

Password:

https://nominal.pscrpt.io/94Fgrm/9S HZWG

Rev.: \$98.08K EPM: \$1.68

CTR: 9.67% UCTR: 7.16%

Unsub.: 0.37%

Orders: 926 Sent: 58.53K

Conv.: 16.35%

Clicks: 5,662

Message

Nominal: Psst, password

(all caps) to unlock

...

the sale.

Up to 60% off live now:

https://nominal.pscrpt.io/9QP5xK/10J w7j

Rev.: \$83.56K

Clicks: 3,544

CTR: 5.01%

EPM: \$1.18

Orders: 749 UCTR: 4.01% Sent: 70.79K Click conv.:

21.13%

Unsub.: 0.38%

Msg conv.: 1.06%

Message



Vedge Nutrition: 30% OFF Sitewide?! EARLY ACCESS IS HERE!

Shop Black Friday before the crowd with code

https://vedge.pscrpt.io/9QP8sY/jF5H ek

Rev.: \$11.07K

Clicks: 243

EPM: \$1.43 CTR: 3.13%

UCTR: 2.47% Orders: 95 Click conv.: Sent: 7,758

39.09% Unsub.: 0.61%

Msg conv.: 1.22%



your favorites yet?

This Black Friday sale won't last

Shop:

Rev.: \$10.76K

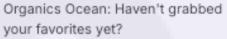
CTR: 2.01%

Click conv.: Sent: 25.49K

Msg conv.: 0.55%

Message





forever. Up to 30% OFF sitewide!

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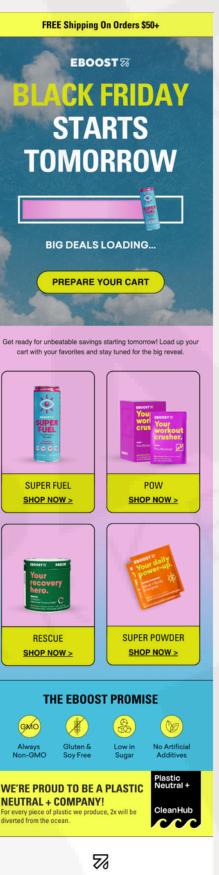
EPM: \$0.42

Clicks: 513

Orders: 141 UCTR: 1.79%

27.49% Unsub.: 0.71%





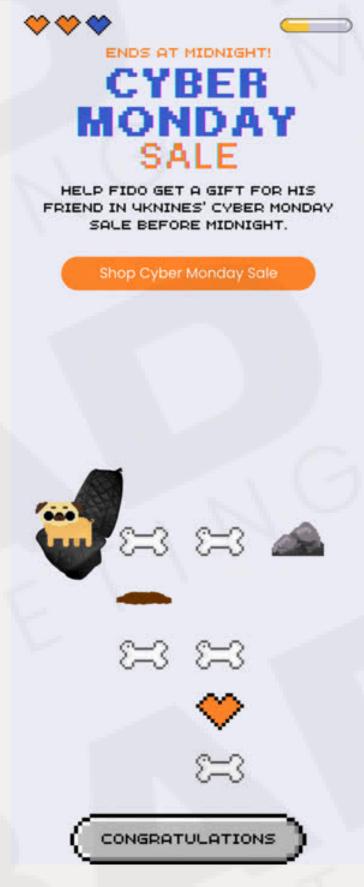
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LAST DAY FOR **HOLIDAY SHIPPING**

Today is your last chance to order SIMPLER Hair Color for Christmas delivery.

ORDER NOW

But before you rush off, let's make sure you pick the right product for your festive look. Are you **Team Full Coverage** or Team Partial Coverage? Let's break it down:



Full Coverage

Partial Coverage

1. Application Time

Takes a bit longer but worth it for complete coverage.

Quick 5-10 minutes for those on-the-go.

2. Sensitive Skin

Gentler on skin, but if you're extra sensitive, keep reading!

Formulated with even gentler ingredients for extra care.

3. Look

Perfect if you love a uniform, no-gray look.

Ideal for the trendy salt-and-pepper style.

4. Color Options

A wide range to match your exact hair color.

Focused options to enhance your natural color.





Full Coverage Color Box

Partial Coverage Color Box

SHOP NOW

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Click here to see animations.



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