

# The Ultimate Website Checklist



## Planning

- Define your goals
- Identify your target audience
- Research your competition
- Choose a domain name
- Choose a website hosting provider
- Develop a website map/navigation

## Design

- Choose a website template or design theme
- Use high-quality, compressed images & graphics
- Add descriptive alt-text to every image
- Make it mobile friendly

## Content

- Write clear and concise copy
- Talk about the audiences problem and how your product/service solves it (*stop talking all about yourself!*)
- Use long-tail keywords throughout your website (For SEO and GEO)
- Ensure there's only one H1 tag per page
- Use the H2, H3, p tags correctly so search engines can properly crawl your site.
- Include a call-to-action on every page, both above and below the fold
- Include lead generators (forms, downloads, sign-ups)
- Continually update and add new information (blogs are great for this) to bring in more visitors
- Write compelling meta descriptions

## Functionality

- Ensure your site loads quickly (compress images, be conscious of the amount of animation and features on each page)
- Make navigation clear & easy
- Include a search bar
- Make your site secure

## Promotion

- Submit your site to search engines
- Promote your site on social media (add links to your socials on the site too!)
- Run paid ad campaigns (Google & social media)
- Work with other local businesses and publications to write guest articles/blogs that will link back to your site

## Need Marketing Help?

If all of this feels like a lot, it's because it is! But if you're feeling overwhelmed trying to get your website just right, Emerald Strategic Marketing is happy to partner with you to take this off your ever-growing to-do list, so you can focus on other important business tasks!



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