

Marketing Strategy

Starting Your Own Tent & Event Rental Business

How do you plan to attract customers? Here are some ideas to start, promote, and grow your tent rental business.

Prepare

- 1. Put your company name and logo in high-visibility areas: on all vehicles, trailers, and employee uniforms/t-shirts.
- 2. Create a website to allow customers the opportunity to contact you via email, view photos, access seating charts, etc.
- 3. Create a company Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube account. Be sure to promote event photos on all social media outlets.
- 4. Research the rental prices in your market (For example, what does a 20'x20' tent rent for in your area).
- 5. Develop "Ready to Go" rental packages for your customers to choose for their event.
- 6. Offer accessories such as tables & chairs; tents, tables, and chairs are often rented together and offer a great way to cross sell items, increasing sales.

Reach Out

- 7. Join your local Chamber of Commerce and attend their events to network your business.
- 8. Contact local committees or committee chair persons to bid on festivals, carnivals, and fairs.
- 9. Contact or send direct mailers to local companies and organizations to inquire about rentals for corporate parties, company picnics and related events.
- 10. Contact area high schools for permission to provide fliers for graduation party tent rentals.

Company Upkeep

- 11. Promote your business heavily in pre-tent season (late winter and early spring) to book graduation and summer events.
- 12. Always take photos of your installations and use these to demonstrate your capabilities.
- 13. Reach out to customers after events for feedback on how to improve your service. This feedback can also be a great marketing tool!

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