

Local SEO Optimization Checklist: 2025 Edition

A practical guide to improving rankings, traffic and conversions for location-based businesses.

Checklist Overview

Designed for CMOs, digital directors and marketing managers, this checklist helps prioritize and execute high-impact local SEO tactics across single or multi-location businesses.

1. Google Business Profile Optimization

- Claim and verify all business locations
- Ensure NAP (Name, Address, Phone) is consistent across platforms
- Select the most accurate and specific business categories
- Add high-quality, geo-tagged photos
- Enable messaging and appointment links if applicable
- Use UTM codes in URLs to track profile traffic in GA4
- Post weekly updates or promotions

2. On-Page Local SEO

- Include city/state in page titles and H1s
- Add local business schema to location and contact pages
- Create unique, content-rich landing pages for each location
- Embed Google Maps and include driving directions
- Use internal links to push local landing page authority

3. Local Listings & Citations

- Submit to top aggregators (e.g., Neustar, Foursquare, Data Axle)
- Audit and clean up inconsistent citations
- Maintain presence in local directories (Yelp, BBB, Apple Maps, Bing Places)
- Use a listing management tool (Yext, BrightLocal, Uberall) if multi-location

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4. Review Strategy & Reputation Management

- Request reviews post-transaction via SMS or email
- Respond to all reviews, positive or negative, within 48 hours
- Highlight 5-star reviews on-site and in social channels
- Use review management tools to monitor sentiment
- Track average rating and volume trends over time

5. Mobile & Technical SEO

- Site loads in <3 seconds on mobile
- Mobile-friendly design with click-to-call, click-to-map
- Core Web Vitals meet Google benchmarks
- Local pages use canonical tags correctly
- Ensure all location URLs are indexable and crawlable

6. Tracking & Performance Measurement

- Set up goals in GA4 for calls, direction clicks, and form fills
- Use Google Search Console for local keyword monitoring
- Track “near me” and geo-modified keyword rankings
- Attribute in-store visits (if possible) using call tracking or POS syncing
- Report monthly on traffic, conversions, and visibility shifts

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Optional KPI Tracker (Editable Table)

Metric	Target	Current	Trend	Notes
Google Map Pack Presence	1–3			
Average Google Review Rating	4.3+			
Local Landing Page CTR	3%+			
GBP Clicks to Website	↑ MoM			

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