

The Ultimate Flash Sale

Prep Checklist

Start building up your first-party data (email and SMS)

Determine your flash sale details

- Duration and dates
- The discount amount
- Eligible products
- Other perks (e.g., free shipping)

Design your flash sale email sequence

- Pre-launch announcement
- Launch announcement
- Last day
- Last call

Create your flash sale ads (social media, paid display) and emails

- What are the most relevant keywords?
- Are your subject lines and headlines as catchy as possible? (Don't be afraid to use emojis!)
- Do the images grab attention? You'll want to opt for bold and bright colors
- Can you use a more FOMO-inducing CTA, like "Don't Miss Out," rather than the usual "Shop Now"?
- Are you including a value proposition?
- Are there opportunities for FOMO tactics (e.g., a countdown timer or pop-up notification of real-time sales)?

Prepare your Shopify store for the flash sale

- Update your header image (or even better, your entire homepage)
- Build a landing page for your ad campaigns
- Add quick links to sale product pages — optimize the user journey wherever possible
- Assess your store's ability for handling increased traffic
- Review your payment options
- Find personalization opportunities
- Set up minimum stock alerts — you don't want inventory problems!