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Retargeting on a Budget

Simple, Smart Strategies for Nonprofits



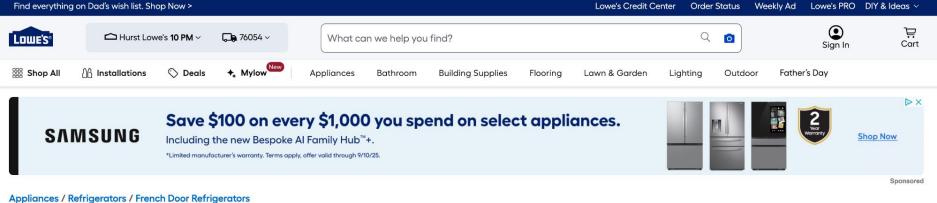




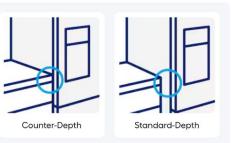


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- Co-founder of mhp.si, with ownership in ad-tech, marketing, and SaaS firms
- Leads company vision, strategy, and long-term growth
- Specialist in TraDigital™ marketing frameworks
- Focused on data-driven results for clients and communities
- Advocates for open communication and leadership development
- This session offers simple, budget-friendly retargeting tactics—no jargon required











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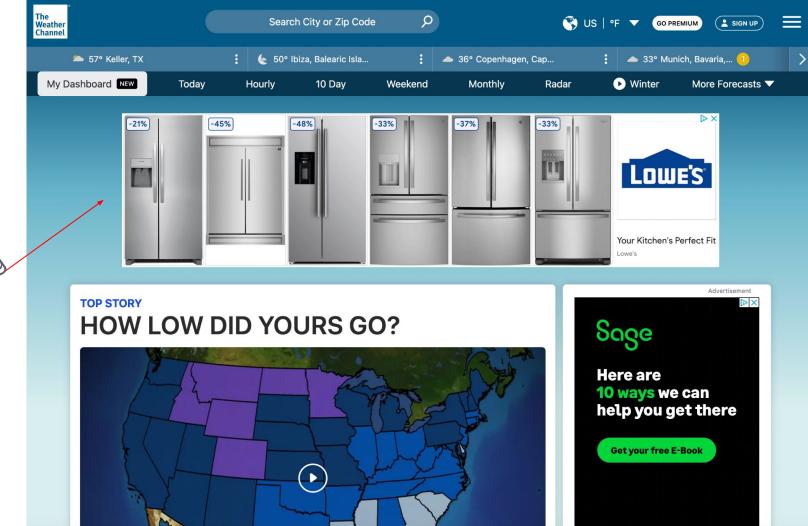
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Nonprofits Face Low Conversion Rates on First Visit

- Most website visitors do not take action the first time. Industry research (e.g., from WordStream and Google Analytics benchmarks) shows that conversion rates for first-time visitors typically range between 1-3%.
- Retargeting gives nonprofits a second, third, or even fourth opportunity to move users toward key goals like donating or registering for events.



Reinforces Mission and Builds Trust Over Time

- Donations are emotionally driven, but they require trust. Retargeting allows nonprofits to reinforce their message and impact through storytelling ads, testimonials, or visuals that build credibility.
- This is especially important when users abandon donation forms or bounce from landing pages without converting.



Maximizes ROI from Existing Traffic

- Nonprofits often operate under tight marketing budgets. Retargeting improves ROI by re-engaging users who were already acquired—typically through SEO, email, social, or paid ads.
- Rather than paying to bring in new visitors repeatedly, retargeting allows non-profits to focus on conversion efficiency from current traffic.



Enables Segmented and Personalized Messaging

- Retargeting allows for tailored creative:
 - Visitors to a volunteer page can be shown recruitment messaging.
 - Abandoned donation form visitors can be served reminders with impact statements.
 - Newsletter readers can be nudged toward monthly giving.
- This audience-specific messaging increases relevance, which improves engagement rates and donor acquisition.



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Have you heard of Site Retargeting?

Have you used Site Retargeting?

Site retargeting is essential for nonprofits because it makes strategic and financial sense—improving conversion rates, reinforcing mission messaging, and increasing donor lifetime value with minimal incremental cost.



Recommended Frequency by

Medium (Per User Per Week)			
Channel	Recommended Frequency	Reasoning	
Facebook/Instagram (Meta)	3-5x/week	Meta suggests 2–5 exposures/week improves conversion. Too frequent = ad fatigue.	
Display (Programmatic)	4-6x/week	Mid-funnel influence; high volume impressions cost-effectively build recall. Use frequency caps.	
YouTube (Skippable Ads)	2-3x/week	Strong for awareness; longer-form storytelling helps deepen emotional engagement.	
CTV/OTT (Streaming Video)	1–2x/week	TV-style emotional storytelling—limited frequency due to high cost and potential ad fatigue.	

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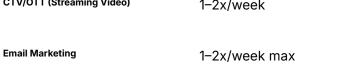
not frequency.

donation forms.

Email fatigue is high; once a week is usually optimal unless in a giving campaign week

Intent-based; frequency naturally caps based on search behavior. Optimize for presence,

These are warm audiences; more exposures are acceptable—especially for abandoned



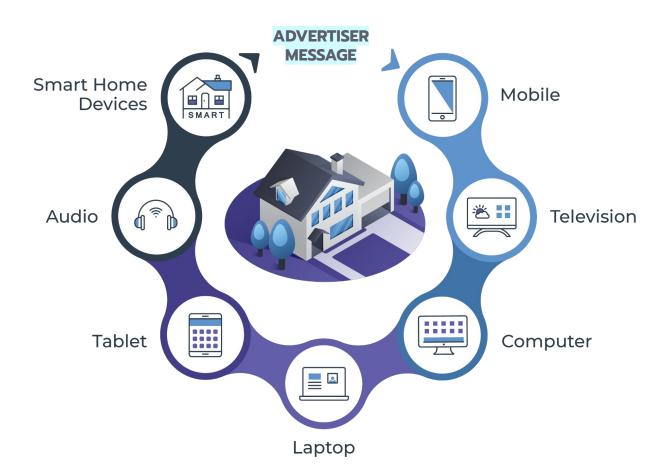
No strict limit

5-7x/week

Google Search Ads

Retargeting (All Types)





Recommended Frequency by Medium (Per User Per Week)

Cap per medium, not campaign total: If you're running across 4 channels, ensure the combined frequency doesn't exceed 15–18 exposures per user per week.



Campaign Phase Matters

- Awareness (weeks 1–2): Focus on storytelling, higher frequency in Display and Social.
- Consideration (weeks 3-4): Use retargeting, testimonials, and mid-funnel email.
- Conversion push (last 5–7 days of campaign): Accept slightly higher frequency (up to 7–10/week on retargeting, 10x/week on Meta).



Best Practices to Follow

- Use frequency caps at the DSP level and in Meta/Google Ads to prevent fatigue.
- Monitor performance drop-offs (CTR, engagement) as frequency increases.
- Segment audiences (e.g., new visitors vs. past donors) to allow more tailored frequency levels.
- Rotate creative every 5–7 days to maintain relevance without burning out messaging.
- Prioritize frequency on higher-converting audiences (retargeting, look-alikes of donors).
- For more information, search "Site Retargeting"

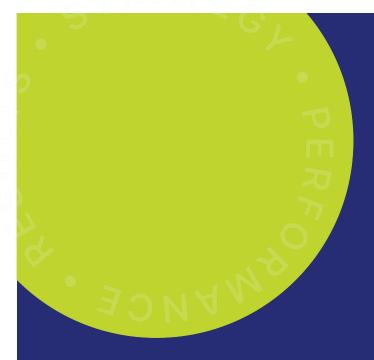


Scenario: \$2,000 Retargeting Budget/Month

Medium	Budget	Justification
Facebook/Instagram	\$800	High engagement, best for abandoned forms and warm leads.
Google Display	\$500	Low-cost visual reinforcement across web.
YouTube	\$200	Cost-efficient video storytelling.
Google Search RLSA	\$200	High-converting retargeting via branded or cause-related search terms.
Email Retargeting	\$150	Abandonment flows, donor journey automation.
CTV (Optional Pilot)	\$150	Limited-run testing for major asks (Giving Tuesday, Year-End).

Will you use Site Retargeting in the Future?

Questions?



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