FOR TESTERS +
BACKFLOW
PROFESSIONALS



Efficiency Tactics

Presented by RPZ Flow

WHO WE ARE





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WHO YOU ARE

TESTERS

CITY ADMIN

WHO YOU ARE

ADMIN

WHO YOU ARE

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TODAY'S DISCUSSION

Background on Efficiency

Testing Company Tips

Program Management Tips

Questions

GOAL: Learn about strategies and digital tools to increase efficiency



WHAT IS EFFICIENCY?

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Getting the most work done using the least resources while maintaining customer satisfaction and safety

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

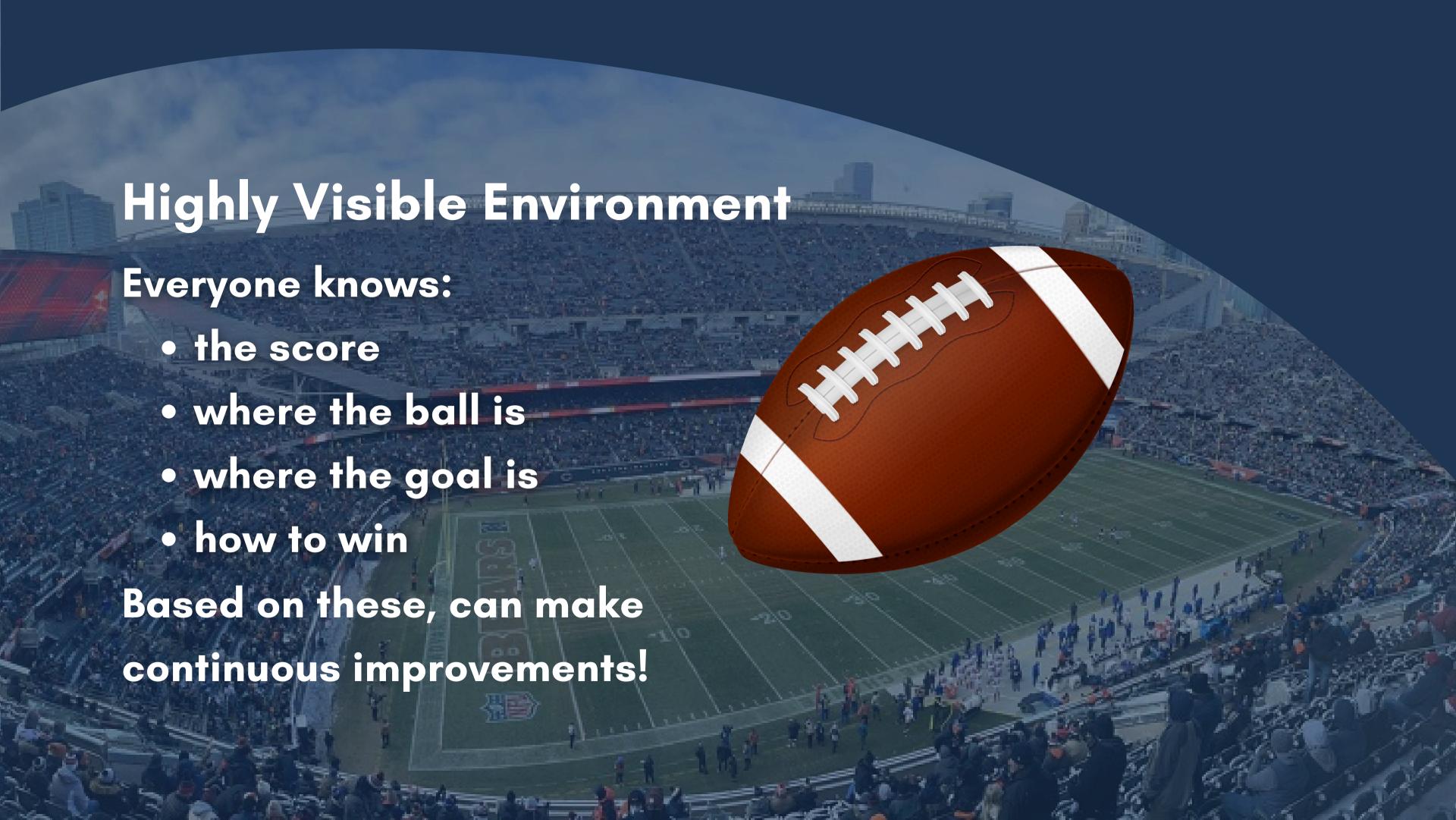
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Inefficiencies impact compliance rates (and therefore public safety), customer satisfaction, and profitability.

NOW... LET'S TALK FOOTBALL









WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM

esters

MANAGEMENT + BUSINESS TIPS

GET MORE DONE AT THE OFFICE

WILL THESE REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

2 more tests/day M-F

520 extra tests/year

\$50/test x 520

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\$26,000

PLANNING IS EVERYTHING

SET GOALS

HOW MANY TESTS?

Per day, per week, per month, per year?

WORK BACKWARDS

How much time do you have per test to meet your goals?

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Make changes based on how you are meeting or not meeting goals

SCHEDULE BY ZONES

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2		4		6
7	8		10	<i>11</i>	12 / 12	13
14	<i>15</i>	16	17	18	<i>19</i>	20
21	22	23	24 24		26	27
28	29	30				

SCHEDULING EXISTING CUSTOMERS

Schedule according to due dates when you are in that zone

Send notices in advance with date(s) you will be in the area



ROUTE OPTIMIZATION

Save Time and Money

- Decrease driving time
- Increase productivity

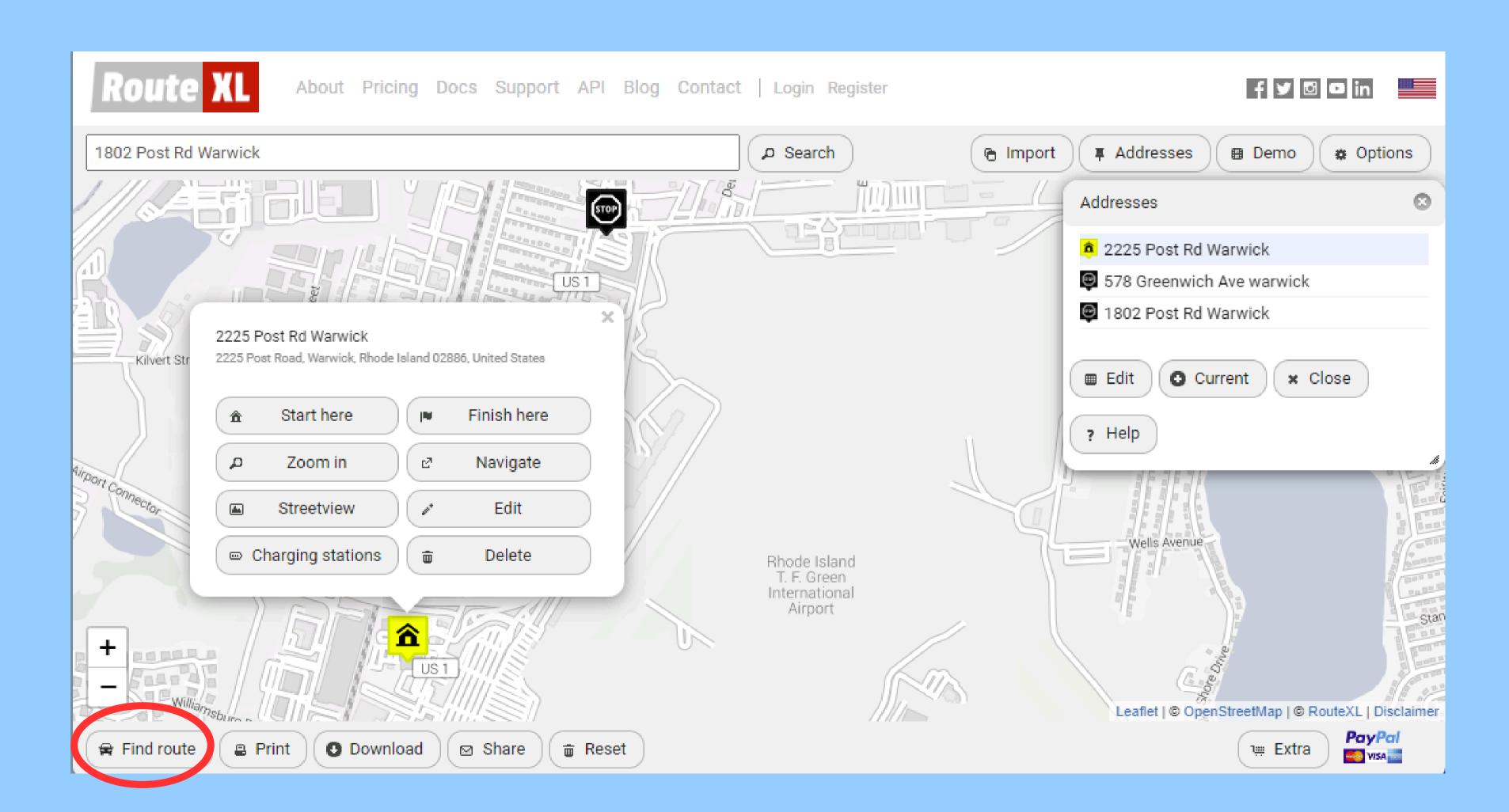


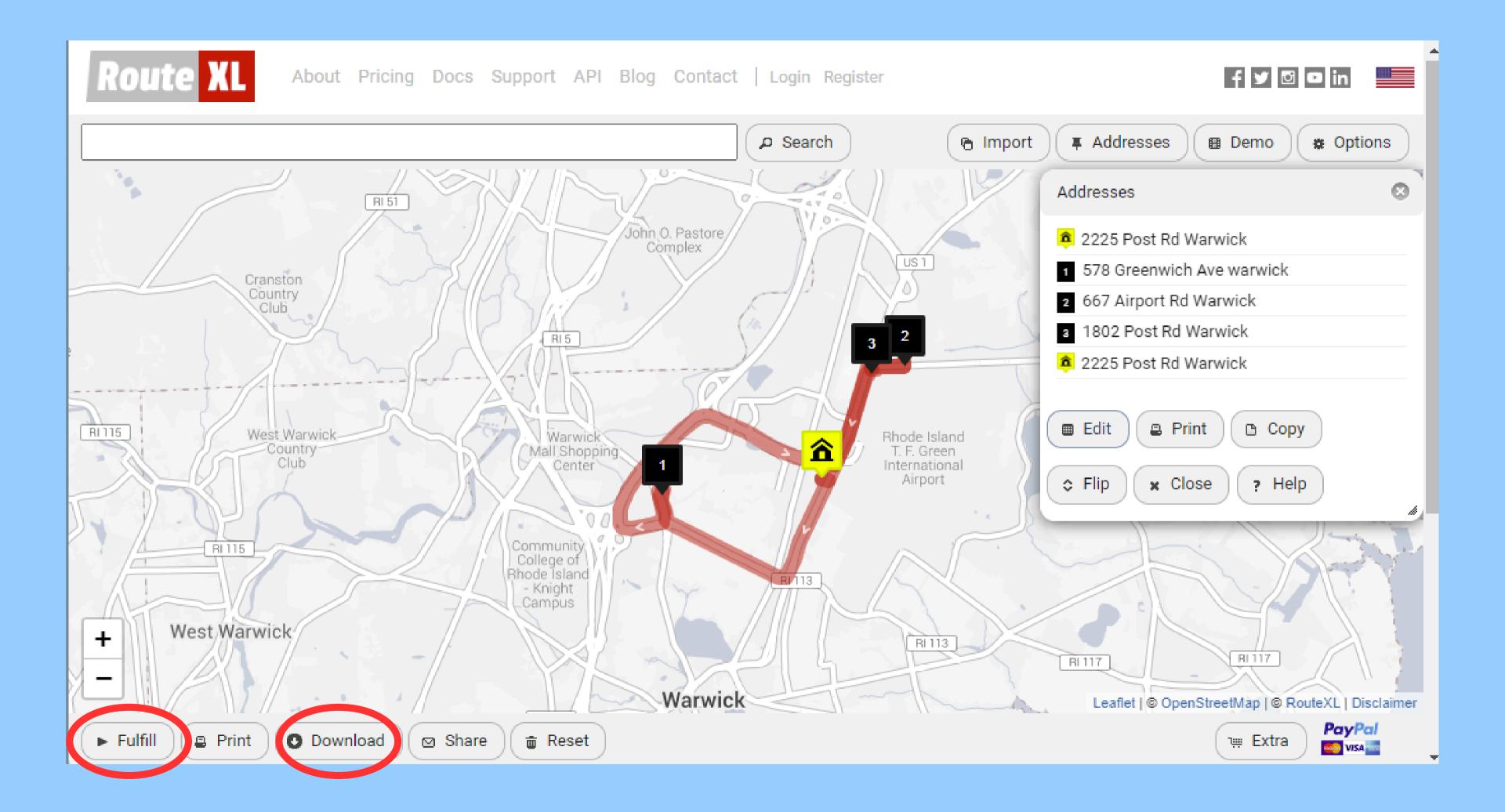




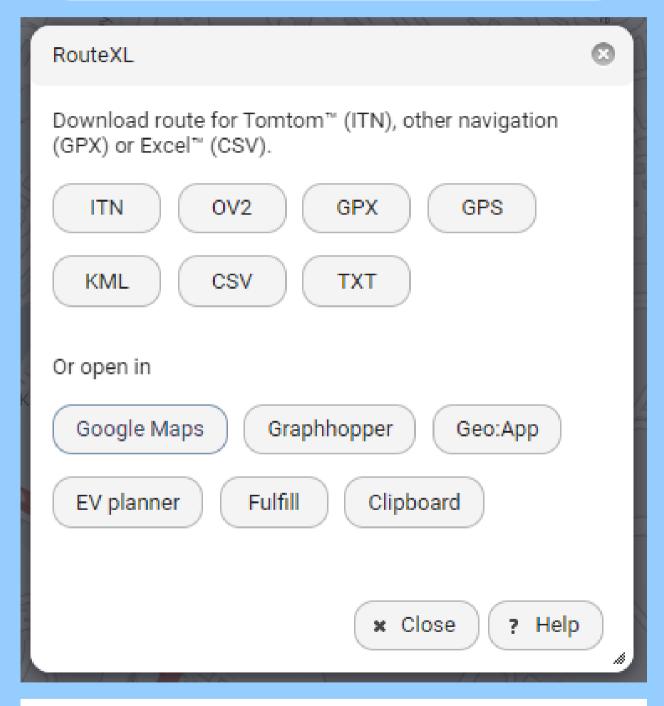
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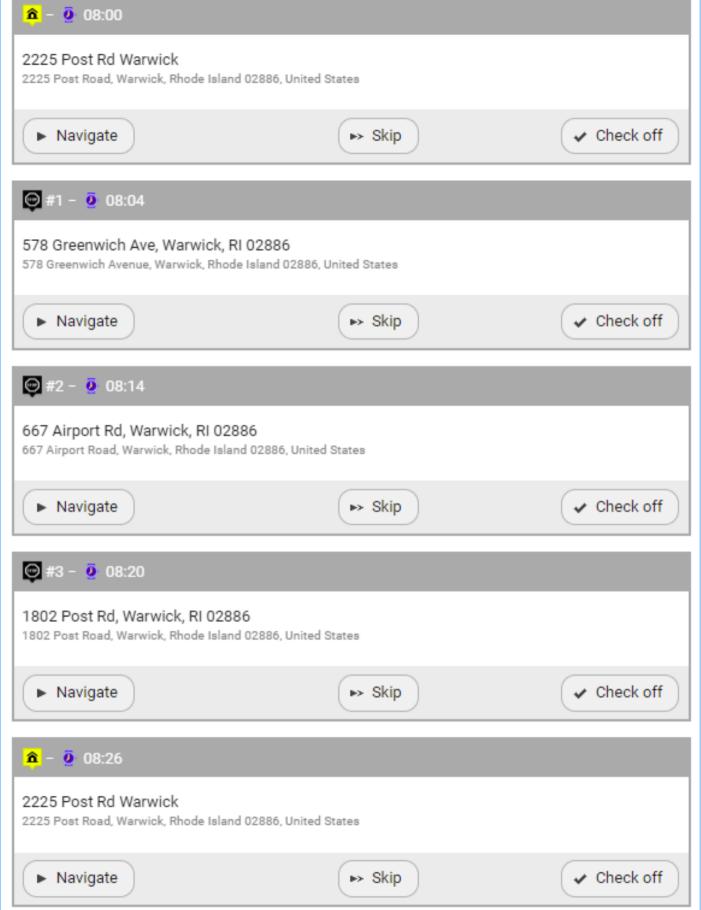






Route XL





ASK QUESTIONS

Is the assembly ready for testing?

Make sure devices that are removed for the winter are re-installed before you get there

Be prepared for any repairs that might be needed



Collect Pre-Payments

GUARANTEES PAYMENTS

Ensures that you get paid for your work and the test report submission.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Can perform a test on outdoor devices without someone being home.



SAVE TIME

Saves time for office staff and customers, and testers don't have to worry about billing.

GET MORE DONE

When you don't have to worry about invoicing or strict appointment times, you can get more tests done in a day.



IF THEY CAN DO IT,
YOU CAN TOO

HOW DO I KEEP TRACK OF ALL THIS?

USE CRM SOFTWARE

(Customer Resource Management)



Keep searchable customer records including emails, phone numbers, etc.



Keep track of backflow device information and test due dates



Track payments and invoicing, customer scheduling, and route optimization

USE TECHNOLOGY

Use emails!

Streamline processes and reduce money wasted on postage

Keep searchable records that are easy to access





IF YOUR OFFICE LOOKS LIKE THIS...

Sticky notes, file cabinets, papers everywhere, etc



IT COULD LOOK LIKE THIS...

Work from anywhere and easily locate records!



EASY TO LOCATE RECORDS

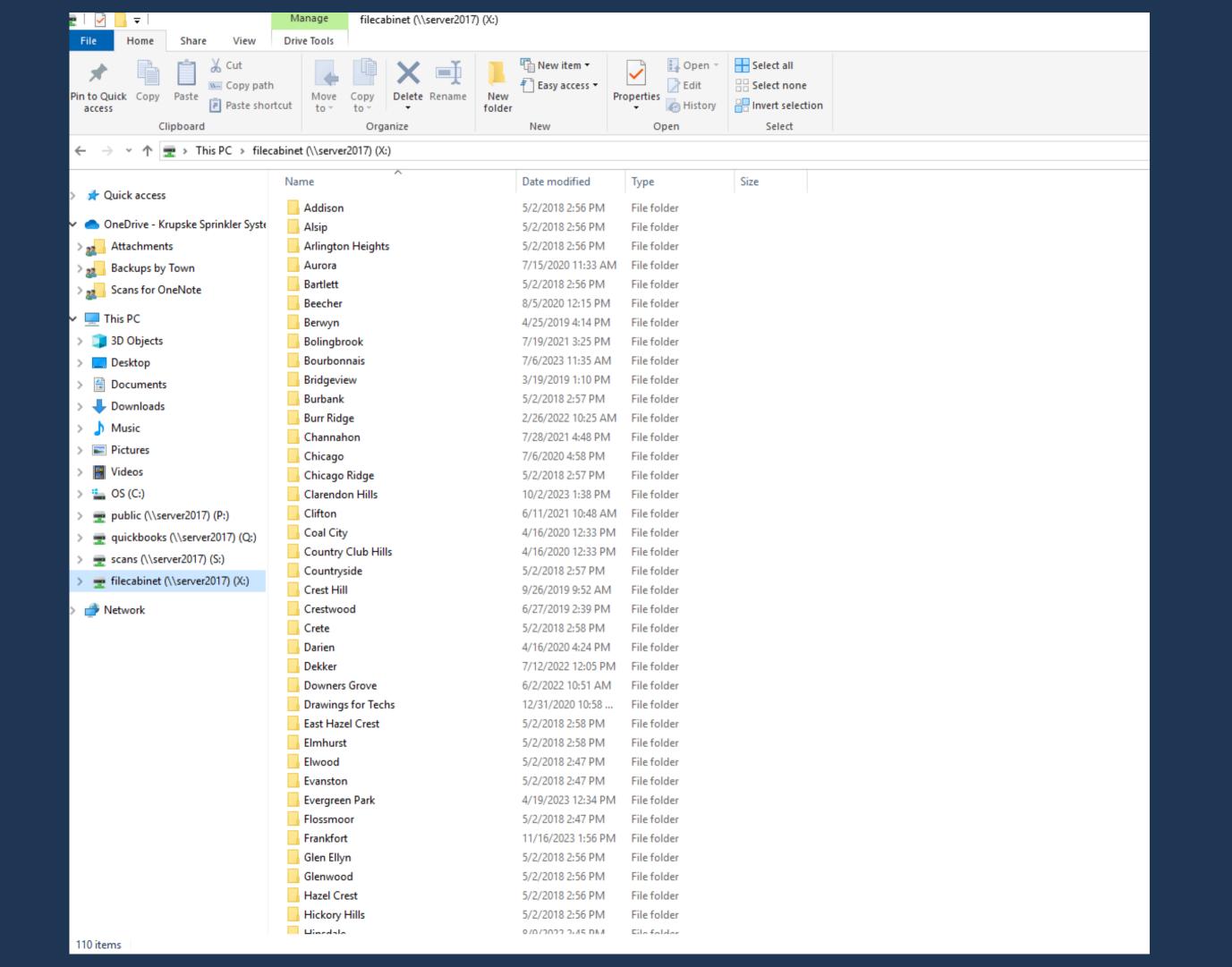
Takes some time to set up, but is easy to maintain and locate. Can find a record in seconds

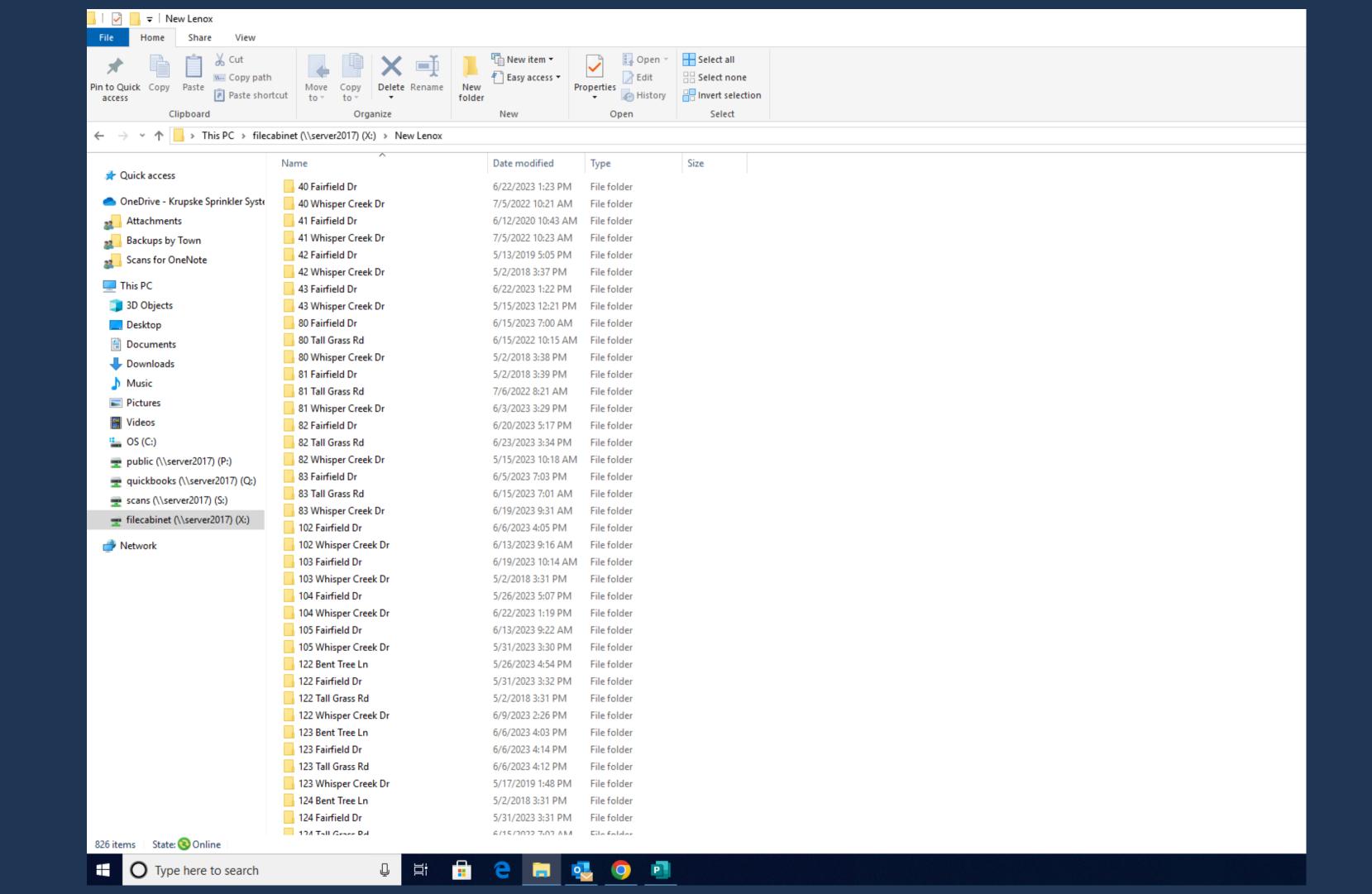
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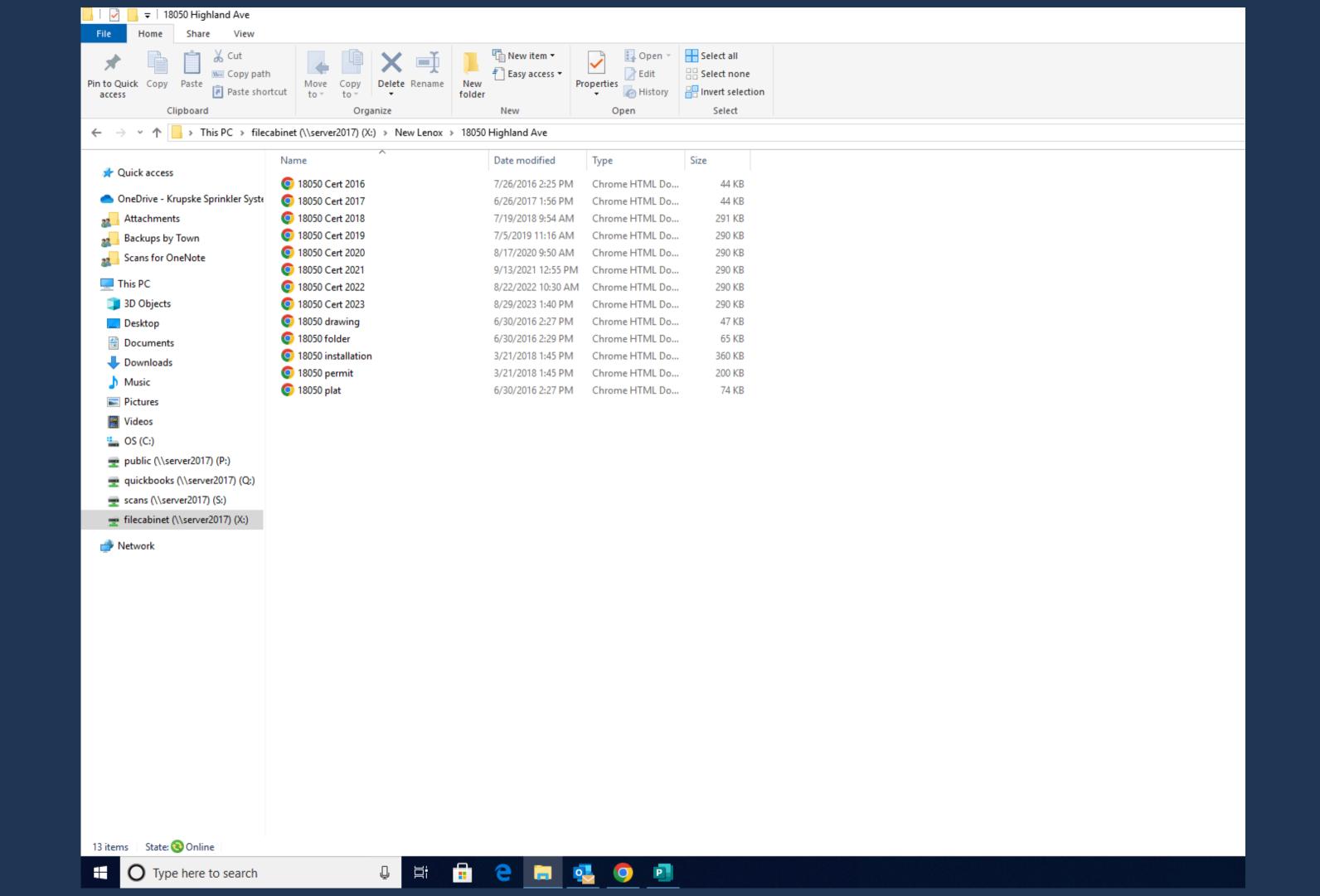
Digital records are harder to lose or damage, especially if they're on the cloud.

ACCESS FROM ANYWHERE

If using cloud based, you can access records from the field, on vacation, etc.

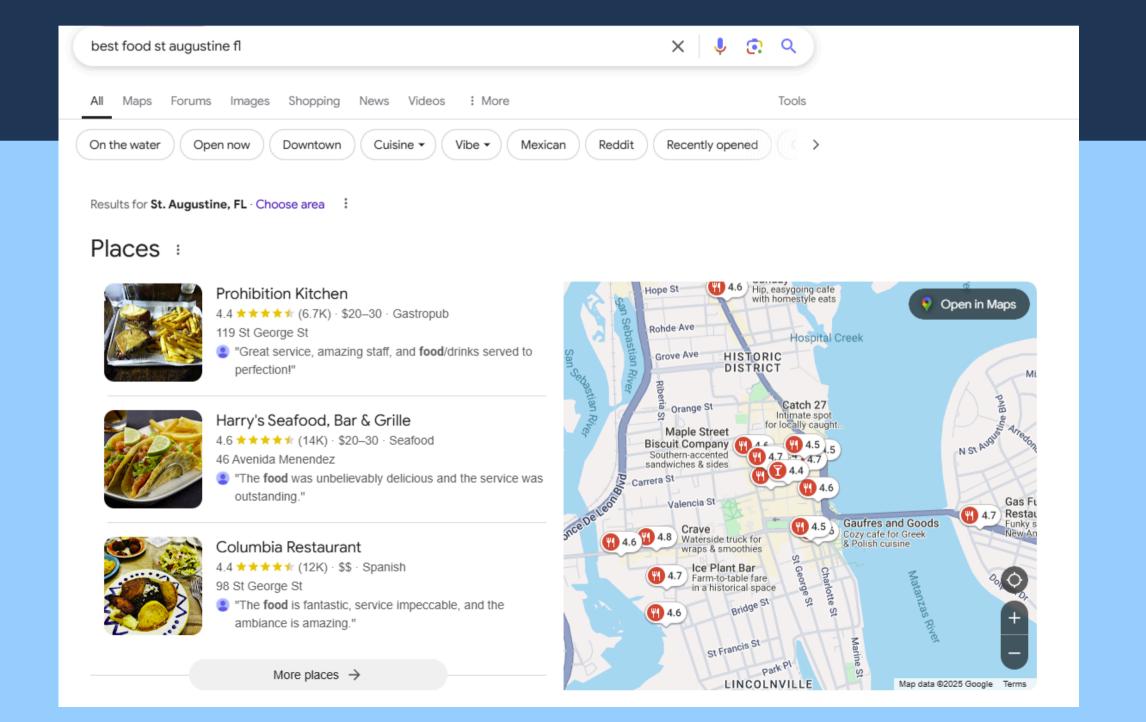






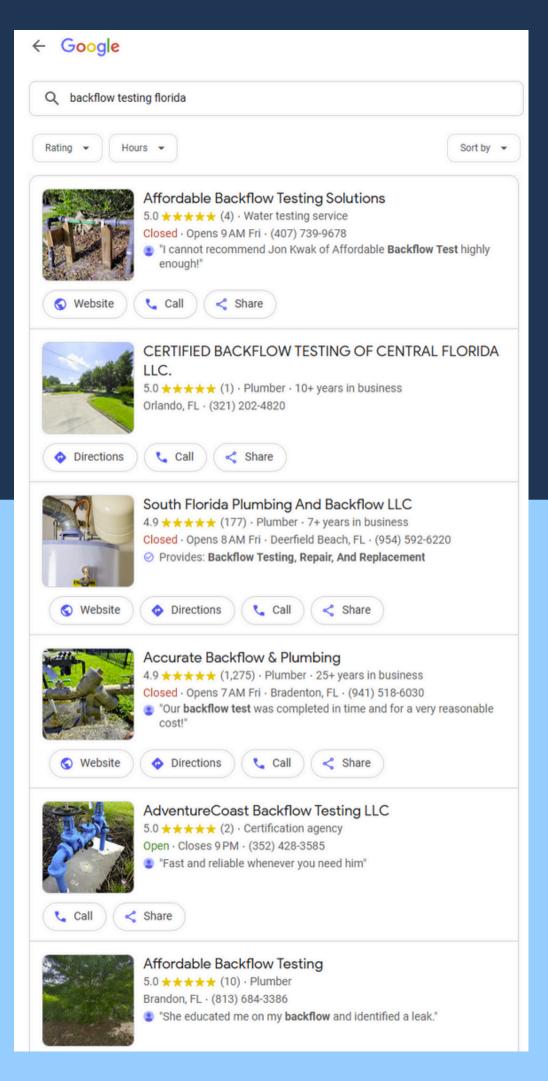
HOW TO INCREASE BUSINESS + GET MORE CUSTOMERS

GOOGLE MY BUSINESS



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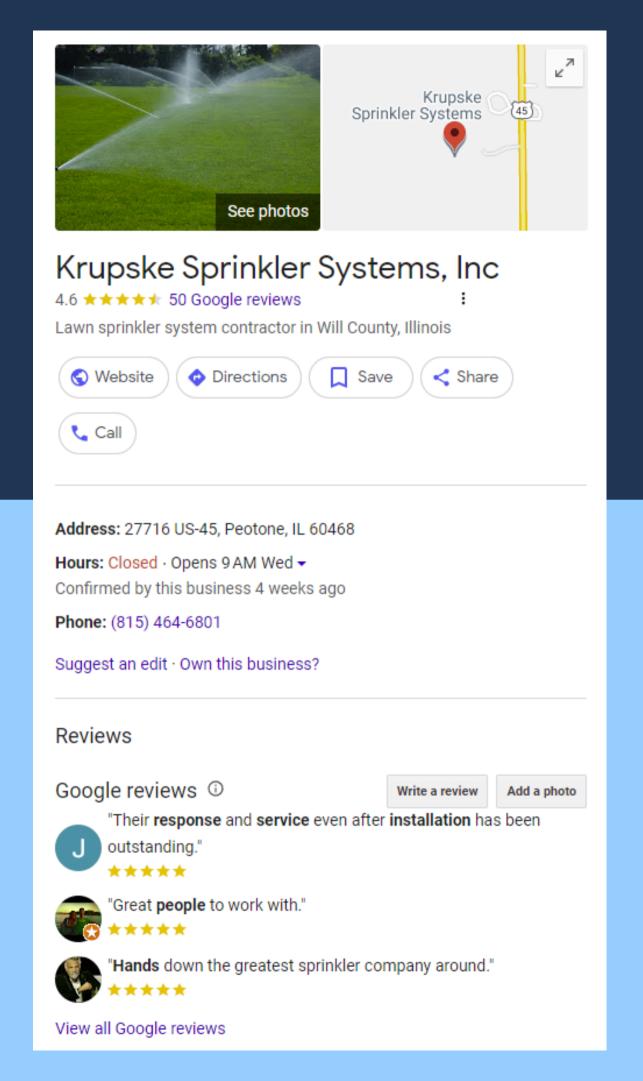
You can do it too!



GOOGLE MY BUSINESS

Claim your business

- Get reviews
- Show up on Google maps
- Let Google do the heavy lifting and bring customers to you!



OFFER ONLINE SCHEDULING

Most tests are routine. Save time for office staff and reduce phone calls.

Customers can schedule anytime, whether or not your phones are open.

Can embed on your website or use an online scheduling program.



Request a Backflow Test

We will reach out to you within 1 business day to get the test scheduled

First Name	Last Name
Address	
Street Address	
Street Address Line 2	
City	State / Province
Postal / Zip Code	
Phone Number	
(000) 000-0000	
Please enter a valid phone number.	
Email	
example@example.com	
Best Way to Contact You	
Phone Call Email	

UTILIZE SOCIAL MEDIA

At least have a Facebook page

Join community Facebook pages so you can comment if someone is looking for your services

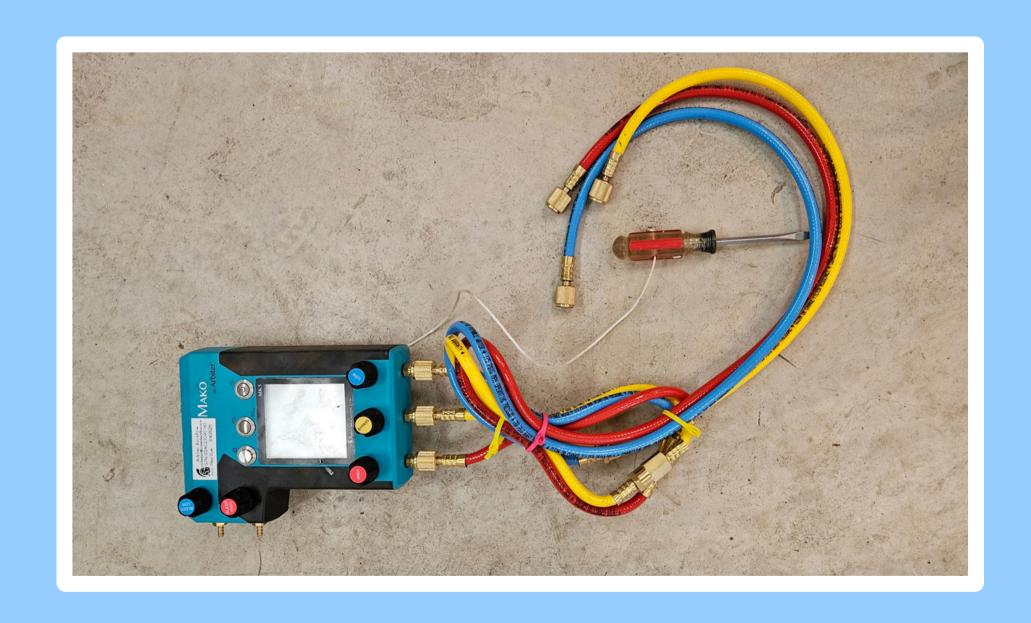


CUSTOMERS BACK (

BOB'S HACK

NEVER LOSE YOUR SCREWDRIVER!

Tie it to your gauge with a string or wire.





Compliance professionals and program admins

ESTABLISH KPIs AND SET GOALS

Keep an eye on the "score" with easily accessible stats

Evaluate the effectiveness of your program

- Where are you now?
- Where do you need to be to meet your goals?







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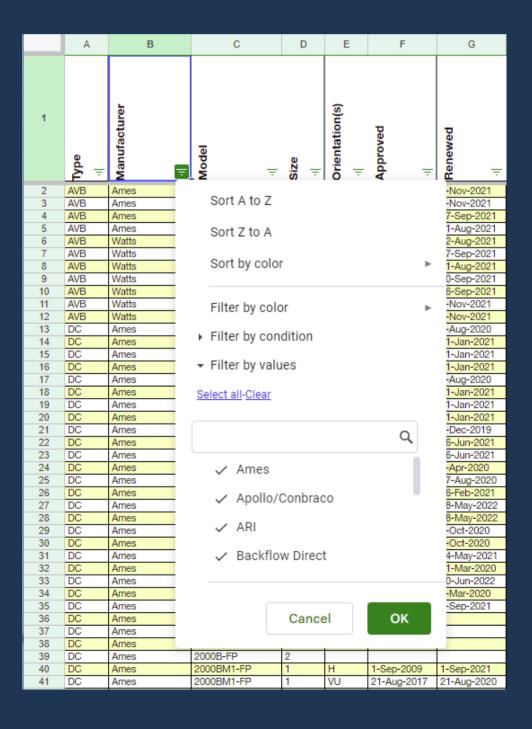
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Should be easily searchable and able to be filtered



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DIGITAL TEST SUBMISSION

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ELIMINATE DATA ENTRY

Save staff time so they can focus on more involved tasks

NO HANDWRITING ERRORS

Get accurate and easy to read data that is cleanly organized

INSTANTLY SUBMITTED + ORGANIZED

Data gets organized into a dashboard as soon as it is submitted

STREAMLINE REPORTING

Can generate reports quickly

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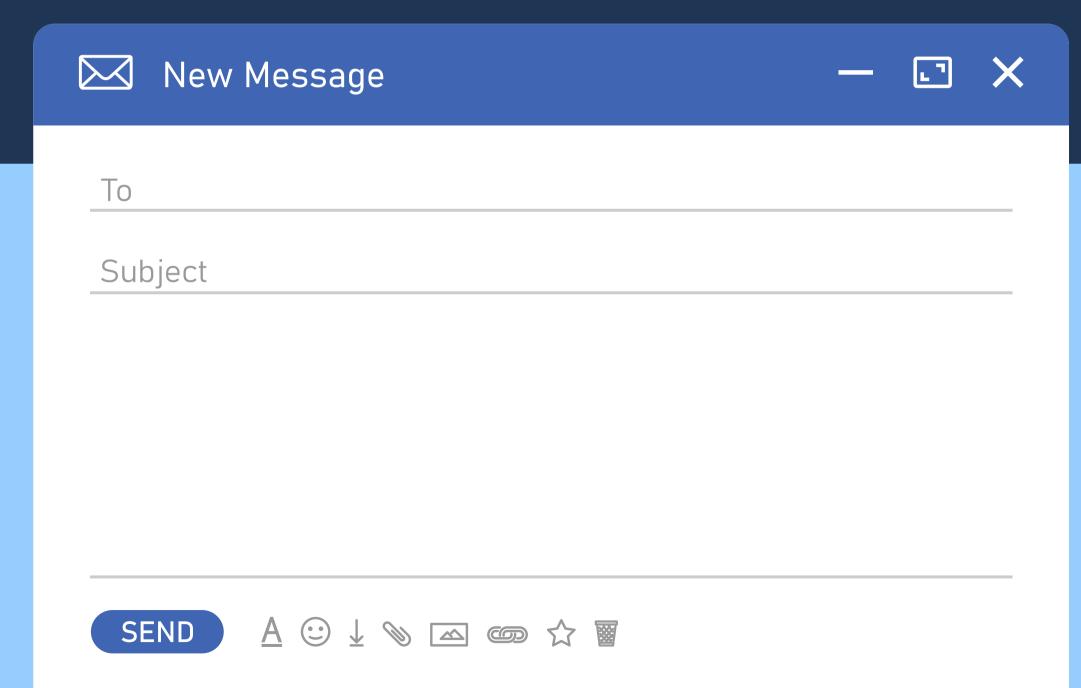
THEY'RE FREE

THEY'RE INSTANT

THEY'RE SEARCHABLE

THEY CAN BE AUTOMATED

AUTOMATED * EMAILS



UTILIZE AUTOMATED EMAILS



New Message







To

Subject Test Due

You have a backflow test due in 30 days. Please contact a licensed tester to perform and submit the test.

If you have any questions, reach out to our department at our phone number or email.







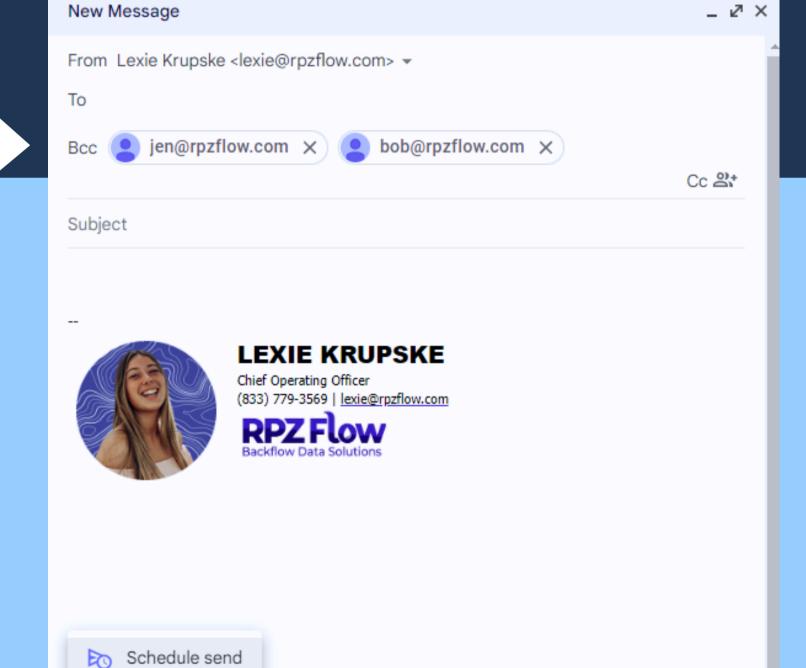








UTILIZE AUTOMATED EMAILS





ONLY USE ESSENTIAL NOTIFICATIONS

The **more notices** you send, the **less value** each one holds

It takes **time** and **resources** to print, stuff, and mail letters



DUE DATES

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Combine due dates for devices at the same location



Keep due dates the same every year



Make sure due dates are reasonable





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Do you have the **correct** contact person?

Should you send notices **earlier** than usual?

Does the **due date** make sense?

Try to find solutions to avoid spending time on the same locations every year.

ENFORCE PENALTIES

FOR NON-COMPLIANCE



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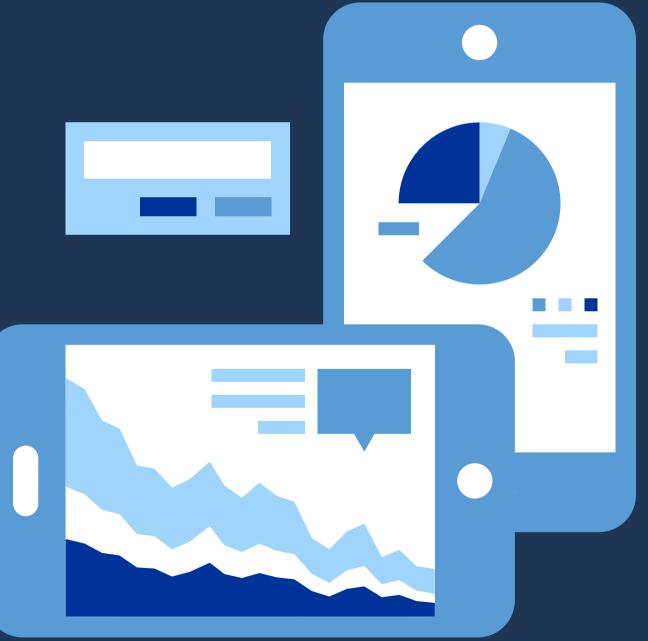
EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Be open to new products and technologies that make the industry more efficient and modern.



BE COMMITTED TO IMPROVEMENT

Use tools that can grow and improve with you as you learn and optimize processes.



QUESTIONS?

TESTER RECAP

Schedule By Zones

Use Routing Software

Limit Snail Mail - Use Email

Have Google Profile

Collect Prepayments

Digital File Cabinet

UTILITY RECAP

Set Goals + Keep Good Data

Digital Test Submission

Use Emails, Notify Only When Necessary

Reasonable Due Dates

Enforce Penalties

Involve Customers

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Challenge everything you think you have to do.