The Estimate Follow-Up Kit

The automatic sequence that keeps your quote from going cold

By ShopTwin — AI-run workflow demos for home service pros. Every setup in this kit was built and tested on a fictional demo business. No real customer data, no made-up results.

Why estimates die (and why it isn't your price)

Most lost estimates aren't lost to a cheaper competitor. They're lost to silence: the quote lands in a busy inbox, life happens, and by the time the customer is ready, the shop that followed up is the shop that gets the call. A two-touch automatic follow-up — one text, one email — keeps your quote in front of them without anyone on your team remembering to chase it.

What you need

- A GoHighLevel account.
- A pipeline with a stage you move deals to when an estimate goes out (in our demo: "Proposal Sent" in the Marketing Pipeline — rename to match yours).
- A business phone number inside GoHighLevel for the text (LC-Phone or Twilio), with A2P 10DLC registration completed if you're in the US, so texts actually send.
- No code.

Setup — step by step

1. Go to **Workflows** → **Create Workflow** → **Start from Scratch**.
2. Add the trigger **Pipeline stage changed**. Set two filters: **In pipeline** = your pipeline, and **Pipeline stage** = your estimate-sent stage.
3. Add the action **Send SMS** and paste the text template below.
4. Add a **Wait** step: **1 day**.
5. Add the action **Send Email**. Subject: **Your [Shop Name] estimate**. Body: one or two lines pointing at the estimate (template below).
6. Save, switch the workflow to **Publish**, and run one test deal through the pipeline to watch it fire.

Want a longer chase? GoHighLevel's template library includes quote follow-up sequences (the

insurance one runs: wait 1 hour → a call task for your team → wait 24 hours → email → wait 48 hours → SMS → wait 4 days → a final urgency email). Start with the two-touch version above; add touches only if your close rate says you need them.

Copy-paste templates

The text (goes out the moment the estimate is sent)

> *Hi, this is [Shop Name] — just floating your estimate back to the top of your inbox. Any questions I can answer? Happy to walk through it, line by line.*

The email (one day later)

> *Subject: Your [Shop Name] estimate*
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> *Hi [First Name] — circling back on the estimate we sent yesterday. The fastest way forward is a quick reply to this email, or book a time and we'll walk through it together: [booking link]. No pressure either way — the estimate stands as quoted.*

Keep both short. The text opens the conversation; the email carries the details. Neither should re-sell the whole job.

Testing checklist

- ☐ Test deal moved to the estimate-sent stage triggers the workflow
- ☐ The text arrives and names your business correctly
- ☐ The email arrives about a day later with the right subject
- ☐ A reply to either one lands in Conversations
- ☐ Moving a deal to a *different* stage does not trigger it
- ☐ Your team knows estimates now get an automatic follow-up (so nobody double-chases)

Troubleshooting

- **Nothing fires:** check the two trigger filters match your pipeline and stage names exactly — renamed stages are the usual culprit.
- **Text sends, email doesn't:** the contact needs an email address on file; check the test contact.
- **Customers find it pushy:** you're probably sending more than two touches, or the tone is

salesy. Shorten before you add steps.

What to automate next

Pair this with the missed-call text-back (Kit #1) so new leads get an instant reply, and the review request (Kit #3) so finished jobs turn into proof for the next estimate.

Try the platform used in this kit

This kit is built in GoHighLevel. You can run the exact same setup on a free 14-day trial: https://www.gohighlevel.com/?fp_ref=the-shoptwin

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