The Appointment Reminder Kit

Two automatic texts that protect every appointment on your calendar

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 no-shows are a reminder problem

A no-show usually isn't a rude customer — it's a forgotten one. They booked days ago, your visit isn't on their mind, and your tech finds an empty driveway. Two short texts — one the day before, one an hour before — fix most of it, and they cost your team zero effort once they're set up.

What you need

- A GoHighLevel account.
- A booking calendar in GoHighLevel that customers actually book into (setup below — it takes a few minutes, and at least one team member must be assigned to the calendar).
- A business phone number inside GoHighLevel for the texts (LC-Phone or Twilio), with A2P 10DLC registration completed if you're in the US.

Step 0 — your booking calendar

1. Go to **Calendars** → **Create Calendar**, name it for the service (our demo: "Sunshine Plumbing - Service Visit").
2. Assign at least one team member (the calendar won't save without one), set the visit length (30 minutes in our demo) and your working hours (Mon–Fri 9–5 in our demo).
3. Save. Your calendar gets a public booking link — that's the link customers use to book, and the one your other kits point to.

Setup — step by step

Option A — the official template (fastest)

1. Go to **Workflows** → **Create Workflow** and search for **Appointment Reminder (24h + 1h)**.
2. Point it at your booking calendar and adjust the two message texts to your voice (templates

below).

Option B — build it yourself (the version we demo)

1. **Start from Scratch**. Add the trigger **Customer booked appointment**, filtered with **In calendar** = your booking calendar.
2. Add a **Wait** step and choose **Until a scheduled date/time**, set to **Before the appointment start time by 1 hour**.
3. Add **Send SMS** with the 1-hour template below — the **{{ appointment.start_time }}** variable fills in the real time automatically.
4. (Optional) Add a second Wait + SMS pair for the 24-hour reminder, or just use the template in Option A, which already has both.
5. Save, **Publish**, and book a test appointment on your own calendar to watch it fire.

Copy-paste message templates

24 hours before

> *Hi, this is [Shop Name] — a reminder that we're booked to see you tomorrow at {{ appointment.start_time }}. Anything changes, just reply here.*

1 hour before

> *Hi, this is [Shop Name] — see you today at {{ appointment.start_time }}. We're getting ready to head your way.*

Naming the actual time matters: "your appointment" is forgettable, "today at 2:30 PM" is not.

Testing checklist

- ☐ Test booking on your own calendar completes and shows on the calendar
- ☐ The 24-hour text arrives (book the test 2 days out to see both)
- ☐ The 1-hour text arrives with the correct time filled in
- ☐ The calendar's time zone matches your shop's (check the booking page)
- ☐ A reply to a reminder lands in Conversations where your team can see it

Troubleshooting

- **Calendar won't save:** it needs at least one team member assigned — add yourself.

- **Times in the texts look wrong:** the calendar time zone and the customer's phone time zone can differ; confirm the calendar is set to your shop's zone.
- **Reminders fire for internal bookings too:** the trigger follows the calendar filter — use a separate calendar for internal holds if it gets noisy.

What to automate next

Reminders protect the jobs you've won. Kit #2 (estimate follow-up) wins more of them, and Kit #3 (review request) turns each finished visit into the proof that books the next one.

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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