

HOW TO IMPROVE EMAIL DELIVERABILITY

A Practical, No-Fluff Guide from the Experts at Email Industries.

Why Email Deliverability Matters

Even the best emails are worthless if they never reach the inbox. Poor deliverability = lost revenue, frustrated teams, and skewed marketing metrics.

This guide walks you through the most common causes of poor deliverability and shows you how to fix them, step by step, whether you're running email campaigns, newsletters, or transactional emails.

If you get stuck along the way or want a second pair of eyes, we're always happy to jump in and help you check your deliverability setup.

No pressure, just inbox-first support from experts who've seen it all.

1 Check Your Technical Setup

Your technical foundation is critical. ISPs and spam filters rely on these records to verify your identity and trustworthiness.

Use this checklist to self-audit:

- SPF Record is set up and includes all email-sending services
- DKIM is configured for every domain sending emails
- DMARC is set to at least p=none and monitored
- BIMI is optional but it's highly recommended, as it improves brand trust (logo display)
- All email-sending IPs/domains are warmed up (no sudden spikes)
- Reverse DNS (PTR record) is configured if using your own IP

Tools you can use:

- Google Postmaster Tools
- MxToolbox
- Dmarcian

2 Clean Your Email List

Poor list quality can destroy your reputation. Clean it regularly and avoid sending to unengaged, old or fake emails.

Ask yourself:

- Do I use double opt-in or verified sign-ups?
- Do I regularly remove bounces and unsubscribes?
- Have I removed inactive contacts (90+ days)?
- Do I validate emails before import or during signup?
- Am I using a reputable list hygiene service (like Alfred)?

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Optimize Your Email Content

Certain content formats, phrases, or layouts can trigger spam filters.

Do a quick self-check:

- No excessive ALL CAPS, exclamation marks, or spammy language
- Includes a working unsubscribe link
- Email is mobile optimized and loads fast
- Balanced text-to-image ratio (avoid image-only emails)
- Avoid URL shorteners (e.g., bit.ly)
- · Email looks trustworthy and relevant to your audience

Use <u>MailGenius</u>, <u>GlockApps</u> or <u>Unspam.email</u> to test before sending.



4 Monitor Your Reputation

Don't fly blind. Use monitoring tools to spot problems before they escalate.

What to monitor:

- Spam complaint rates (stay below 0.1%)
- Open and click-through rates trends
- Blacklist status (use MxToolbox Blacklist Check)
- IP/domain reputation with tools like SenderScore.org
- Gmail/Yahoo/Outlook feedback loops (if available)

5 Stay Consistent & Warm Your Domains

Consistency builds trust. ISPs don't like surprises.

Best practices:

- · Send at consistent times and volumes
- Warm up new domains or IPs gradually
- · Segment your lists and throttle volume when needed
- · Avoid sending from free domains like Gmail, Outlook, etc.

Bonus Tip: Testing Inbox Placement

- Use tools like GlockApps or MailTester
- Create seed lists (real inboxes on Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook, etc.)
- · Always test before your main campaign

Still Not Landing in the Inbox?

Sometimes you need more than a checklist. If you've followed the above and still see issues, chances are the root problem is deeper and fixable with expert help.

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