

"Yelp" ing yourself with Social Media

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Wrestling with the Online Reputation of Your Business

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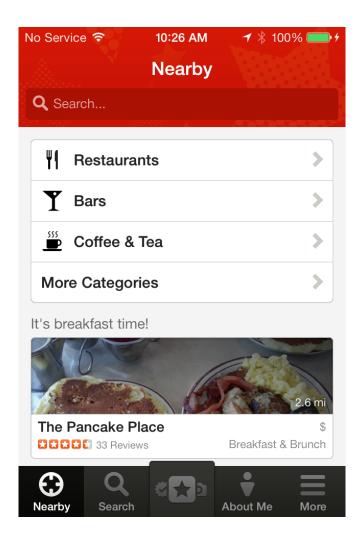


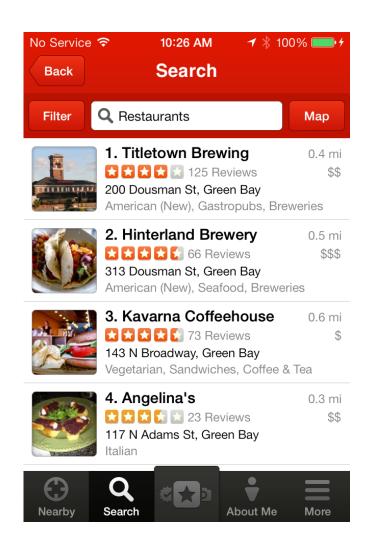
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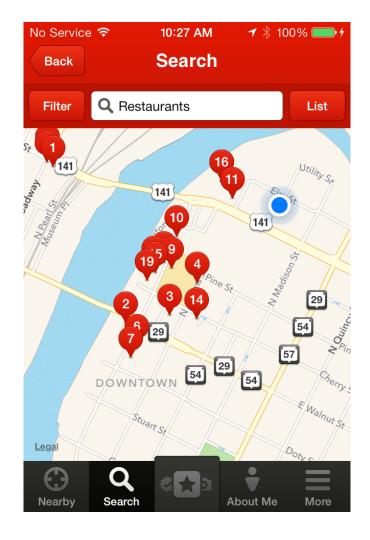


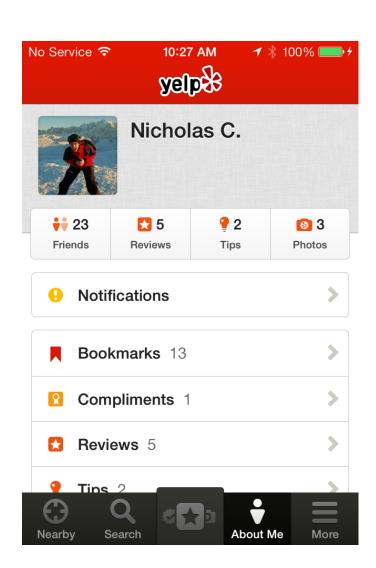
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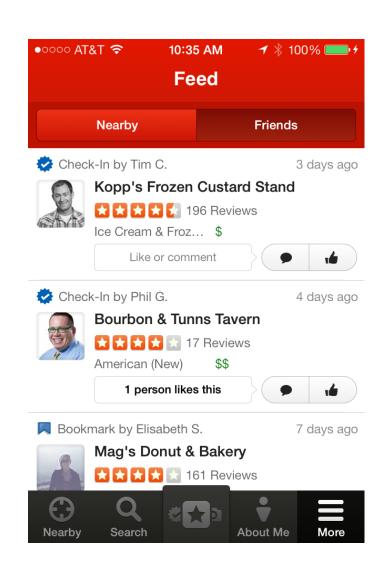
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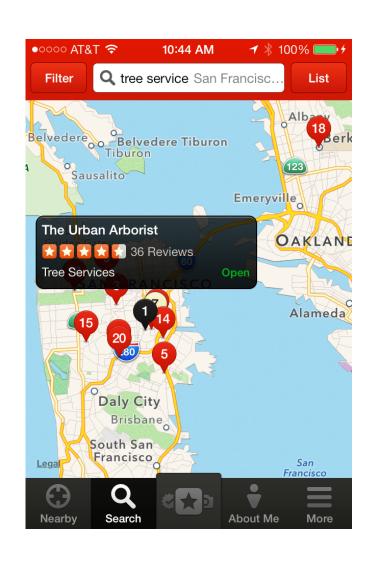


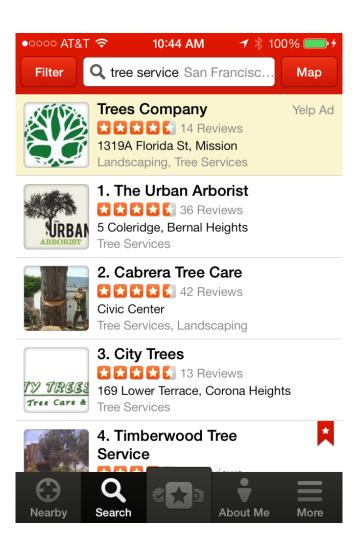


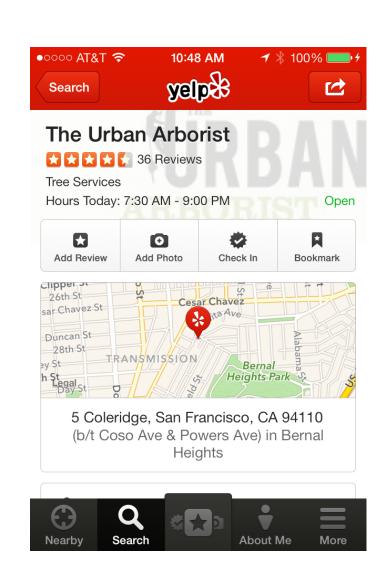


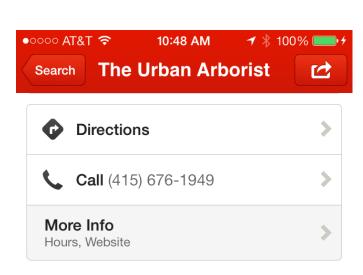


WHAT ABOUT SOMEONE LOOKING FOR YOU?





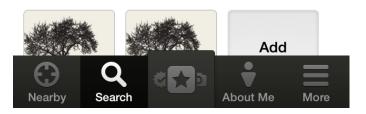


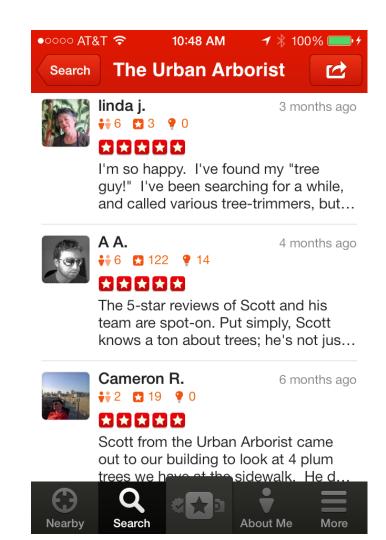


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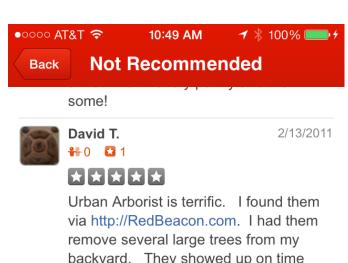


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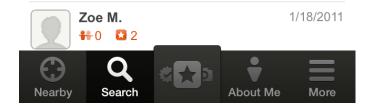




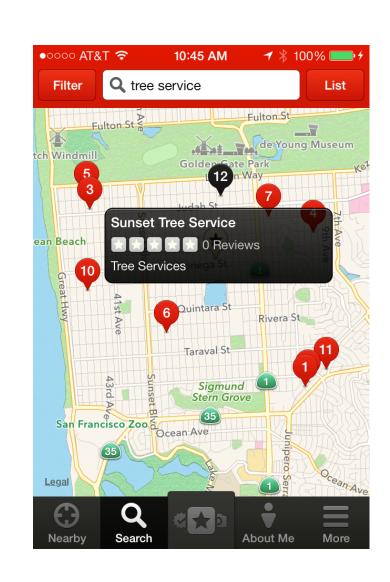


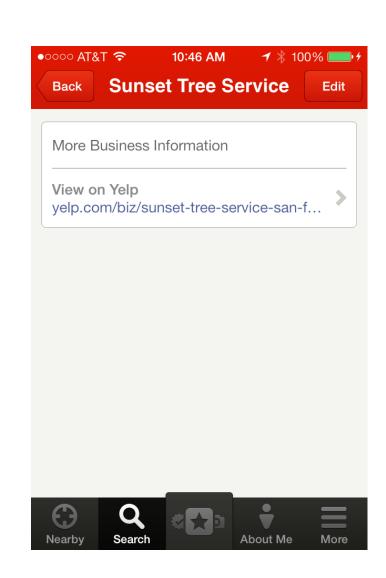
via http://RedBeacon.com. I had them remove several large trees from my backyard. They showed up on time and did a great job removing the trees without damaging my fence or any neighboring plant life. The final bill was exactly what they had originally estimated. Josef and his crew are polite and courteous.

I'd highly recommend them.

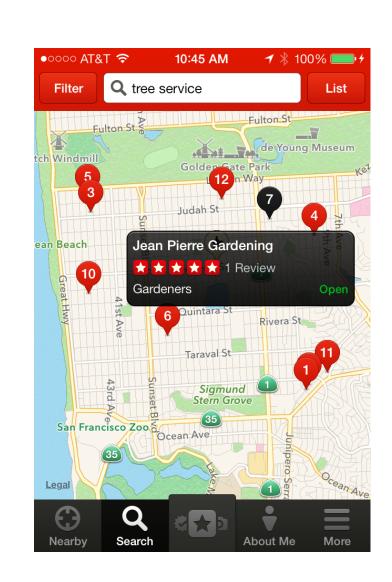


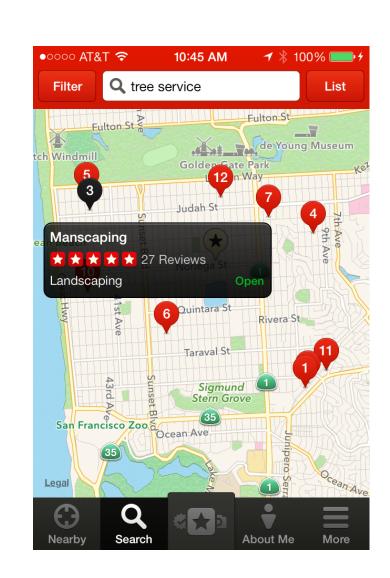




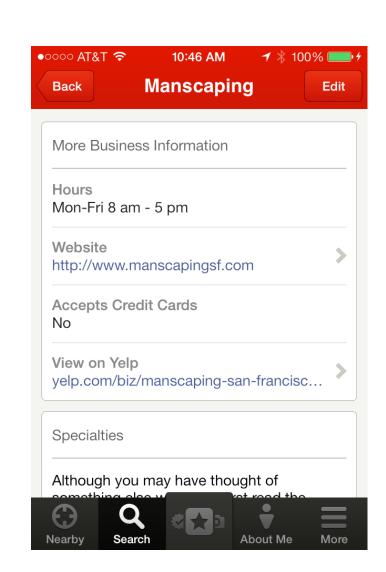


LANDSCAPER?











Specialties

Although you may have thought of something else when you first read the name, Manscaping is a professional landscaping company. We are San Francisco landscapers who specialize in expert design, installation and maintenance of sustainable urban gardens. We create usable spaces with both hardscaping and softscaping adding a new dimension to the home that is above and beyond the conventional yard. Manscaping's goal is to minimize environmental impact and maximize beauty and innovation in every San Francisco garden we install.

Our design style and goal of sustainability set us apart. We provide exceptional customer service and client satisfaction. We











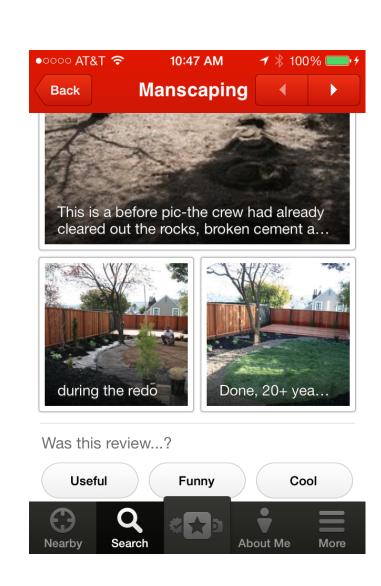


David, Julio and his crew just completed a landscaping job in our embarrassment of a back yard! lol It is now a beautiful, serene escape. No sooner had they finished when a hummingbird and bluebird showed up to give their approval.

The yard was sloped, rocky and full of weeds, rotten stumps and chunks of a decayed cement walkway. Now there are planting beds, a pebble walkway, an oval shaped lawn and a rear sun deck.

David was very professional and patient-it took me quite a while to get it together and decide



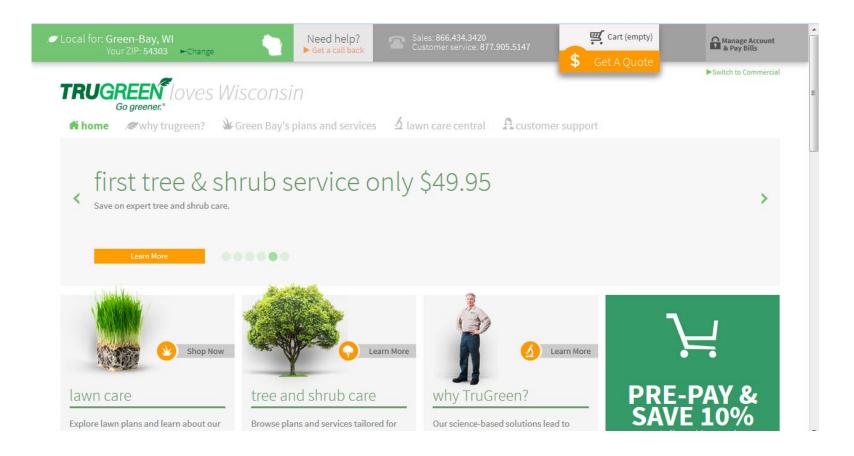


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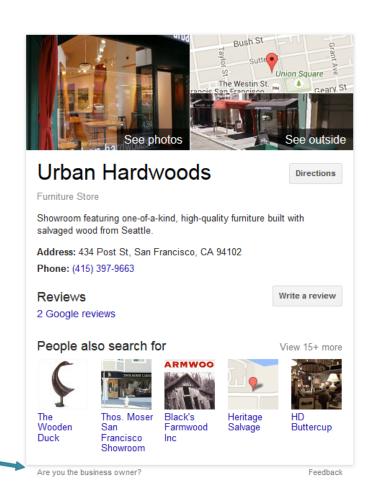
What We See



What We Should See



- Keep the online profiles of your company up to do date with accurate contact information.
- Focus on complete customer satisfaction in everything you do.



- When you have an unhappy customer, remember how much leverage they have on your future business.
- When you get a thank you note from a customer, encourage them to leave a positive review.

- Consider the pros and cons of offering coupons through Yelp or Angie's List.
- Never respond in anger to a negative review.



- Keep the focus on flooding your profile with positive reviews.
- Write positive reviews of your top business suppliers.



- Keep everything in perspective.
- Communicate the online review feedback to everyone involved immediately.

NEGATIVE REVIEWS





Douglas C. Haute Cuisine Compactor Orchard Park, NY









9/3/2008

This is the last time I will update my review for the benefit of those of you reading the comment responses from Emery Dental.

- 1.) I do not work for Yelp. I am an elite member because people nominated me and trust my reviews.
- I did go to Emeryville Dental once when I first moved to Eville because I had a toothache. After spending way more than I should have for a simple filling, being told I needed everything from a root canal to having several of my fillings replaced and recieving multiple skeevy phone calls asking me when I was going to come back again I distanced myself as quickly as possible.
- They have a history of threatening reviewers with "updated" bills
- They probably have a higher BBB rating because they changed their name to Emery Dental from Emeryville Dental Care. Last I checked they were horrid.

Never ever go here under any circumstance. EVER.





Comment from Emery D. of Emery Dental 7/25/2009 « Hide



BBB gave us an "A"rating for over 10 yrs now& THEY CHECK for CREDIBILITY (unlike here) BEFORE posting! You came to our office because of a toothache& were told your cavity was deep & may need a root canal. We wouldn't know for sure unless we opened up the tooth & removed all the decay.(It took over an hour to explain & answer all your questions.) Many of your fillings were leaking & you were told you'd need to replace it. We called you several times to follow up on you to make sure you had taken the prescription we prescribed for you & to see how you were doing. Sorry we couldn't be of service.





Updated again.

Got a message from Shawn through Yelp. Basically as you can read, he was interested in working with me an checking out the work I needed done. Got an appointment last friday. Asked when I will receive a quote, he said he will email me by Monday of this week. It's Thursday now, haven't seen anything in my email (yes, I check my spam).

Not sure why it's so hard to get work done on trees.

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Guess I'll hire streetworkers who are willing to get things done. There are many other people who are willing to put effort and make some money.

Was this review ...?



Comment from Shawn and Ramona R. of Timberwood Tree Service 9/22/2012 « Hide

Hello Eric.

I am sorry we have not gotten to see your tree in front of your home, we get a lot of calls for trees in front. (street trees)

I am a working Arborist that prunes trees and goes on all of the estimates.It keeps me quite busy.

Sometimes its difficult to see all of them in a timely fashion. I do again apologize and would love to drop off an estimate to you this weekend if you would like us to.

Not sure if you have had the tree pruned yet or not, but we would be happy to leave you a proposal if you have not.

Again I do apologize and would love to make it right for you.

Sincerely Shawn Ream ISA Certified Arborist WE 4532A 415-9311150 / 650-873-2525

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- Your online reputation is an imperfect reflection of how you do business.
- Just like businesses
 have worked hard to
 manage their word of
 mouth reputation
 before online reviews,
 it is just as important
 in the digital era.



- The power is shifting from the business to the consumer.
- A generation ago, it took a small claims court action to hold a contractor accountable when today, even the possibility of a negative review can lead to a lot of freebies for a pushy customer.



- For the good and the bad it brings, a strong online reputation shines a spotlight on the stars in an industry.
- Fly-by-night operators will never be able to compare to a reputable and established company when the customers are doing their research.



Special thanks to the Society of Commercial Arboriculture and Penn State University.

Now, take the quiz!





Next Course -September 16, 2015

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See you in Orlando -

Monday, August 10th - 4 pm Member Happy Hour

Wednesday, August 12th - 8:30 am SCA Field Day @ Leu Gardens

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