

10 Qualifying Questions For Your Generator Installation Sales Team

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QUALIFYING QUESTIONS

At this beginning stage of the sales cycle, it's essential that you **act quickly**. Asking the right questions will help you better understand their pain-points and help you win over the lead.

— **This is called qualifying your leads.**

At the same time, you're also setting the best scene for your business to provide an excellent service. Below, you'll find a full list of questions any plumbing, heating, or gas installation company can use to qualify their leads.



01

AWARENESS STAGE


Why do you need a new generator? Tell me a bit more about why you're looking.

Start with a bright open question and get them talking. They haven't committed to you yet, so by showing interest in what they're looking to do, you might come across as genuine, as opposed to a robot just looking to book them in and take their money.

What's your current set up right now?

Try to understand what you'll be working with if you do take them on. This will also help you offer them a better picture of what work is feasible, an idea of the timeline, etc.

BONUS TIP



You can actually implement a few basic questions (what service you need, address, etc.) in a form on your website. This saves your admin time and makes the customer feel in control.

It's all part of the customer self-service concept.

Aside from the obvious, is there anything motivating you to make this change?

Gauge their commitment, so you're able to tell the difference between people who are still in the research stage of their buying journey and those who are motivated to book a service as soon as possible. This question will also put things into perspective for them: how much longer are they willing to put up with the inconvenience of their situation?

Zero in on the pain point; don't assume you know before they tell you. Understand the motivation since different people need the same thing for different reasons. Now that you're certain you can help them, this will help you frame your offer in the most appealing way possible. It then gives you the opportunity to ask follow-up questions.

Here are some examples:



- Does your area suffer from frequent power cuts?
- Is anyone in your household dependent on a reliable power source either for work or for medical reasons?
- Are you running a business that's dependent on a reliable power source?
- Are you a landlord looking to attract tenants by providing reliable power and a sense of security?

02

UPFRONT OBJECTIONS STAGE



Think of the biggest reasons people say NO to you in general, then get these out of the way. This is how you'll save your admin team a lot of time (and many headaches) in the long run.



Have you done some research in terms of pricing? Do you have a budget in mind?

Try to gauge what they have in mind and understand where your value sits. You can word it by saying *"In terms of budgets: what are you looking to pay? We want to make sure our prices are not ridiculous to you, see if we're aligned."* If they're a first time customer, they might not know much about the general price of service, so you'll be off to a better start if you can present to them the value that you offer, and only *then*, the cost.

Time: When do you need this in place?

Make sure you have the availability and the potential customer understands how long the job will take - especially if it's not a quick fix - and what kind of work it implies. Check to see whether they are serious and ready to commit in the near future.





BONUS TIP

Use potential follow-ups to educate the prospect on different types of generators, let them know if there are any financing schemes that could help them cover the cost:

Most people in your area use either a diesel, gasoline or natural gas generator. The costs of installing each are slightly different, but they all have pros and cons.

Would you be willing to invest more in the first stage to save up in the long run? Or are you working with a strict budget?

Is an environmentally friendly option a priority for you?

Ask around a little instead of telling them a price right away.



Ask about any other roadblocks you commonly encounter.

Is there any other reason you can think of why the job might not go ahead? Something you've seen in the past that caused people to take issue? An example could be taking a deposit. This is when you should mention any potential roadblock, make sure the person is ok with it, and get on happily with the job at hand.

03

DECISION STAGE

Are you looking at any other companies?

Identify where they're at in the process and learn if this is a long term issue they've been thinking about a lot or an emergency job. Get ahead of the game and reiterate your value, then be the first one on site.



04

CLOSING STAGE

I can give you a typical price for this job, but it's hard to say without doing a survey, free-of-charge. When would you be available? Have you got your diary with you?

Be assertive. Make it clear that a survey is not a commitment - although, as you know, once that's booked in, the sale is almost as good as closed.

Educate prospects about the process and steps, so they know what to expect and they appreciate your helpful attitude and knowledge:

Let me tell you a bit more about how it usually works. Now that I have all the information, we will book a survey and send one of our technicians free of charge. They will look at where you'd like to install the generator and what is necessary; we will then send you a proposal with a couple of different options. Once the proposal is accepted, we require a 25% deposit. We will then schedule the installation. It usually takes one day; during that day or half-day, you won't have power for a few hours. Our tech will then turn it back on and do a quick run-through with you to explain everything.

If the survey goes well and the price we come back with, are you in a position to say yes? Or would anyone else need to be involved in the decision?

One potential roadblock after the survey would be that the person you're speaking to is not the (sole) decision maker. Work out who exactly is hiring you. Sometimes it's a landlord, sometimes they need to consult a partner or a parent. This should contribute again to the way you frame the value of your work. Consider the pain-points of each decision-maker. Example: landlords are more interested in low-maintenance options rather than cost-efficient ones, as the renters usually cover bills while they're responsible only for fixing breakdowns.

Did we cover all your questions?

Is there anything else that we can do to help you make the decision?

Show them that you're here to help and inform. This establishes a positive relationship since the prospect is, after all, inviting you into their house or their place of business.



HOW MANY OF YOUR QUOTES GET REJECTED?

If you send **10** quotes and only one gets accepted
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