

## **Local Citations**

## What is a Local Citation?

A local citation is any online mention of partial or complete name, address, and phone number of a local business - also called NAP data. Citations can occur on local business directories, on websites and apps, and on social platforms

Citations help people to discover local businesses and can also impact local search engine rankings.

Specifically, having high quality basic citations can help you rank accurately on Google's local search interfaces. Local businesses can actively manage many citations to ensure data accuracy.

## How can local citations help with SEO?

When people in your community search for a local business, local citations help Google deliver them the most relevant results in local search. That's because Google cross-checks business information across a variety of sources before showing it to users.

The more consistent your business information is across all these sources, the more trustworthy it appears to be. This can help you increase your local ranking, because Google can display your business in the results with confidence.

#### FAQs

### Why is citation building important for SEO?

SEO citation building gives you greater visibility on search engines. These citations build credibility with the search engines, improving your local rankings, and enhancing your SEO.

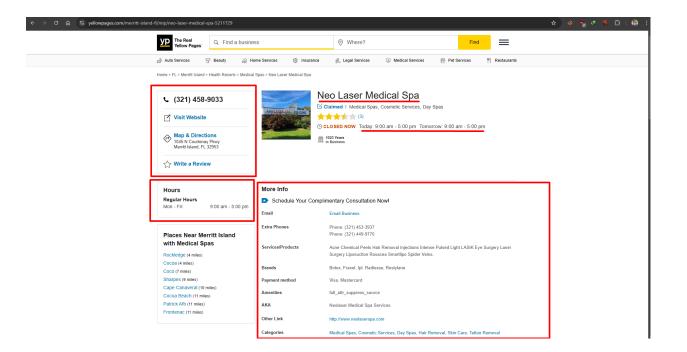
# How does citation building impact a business's online visibility and local search rankings?

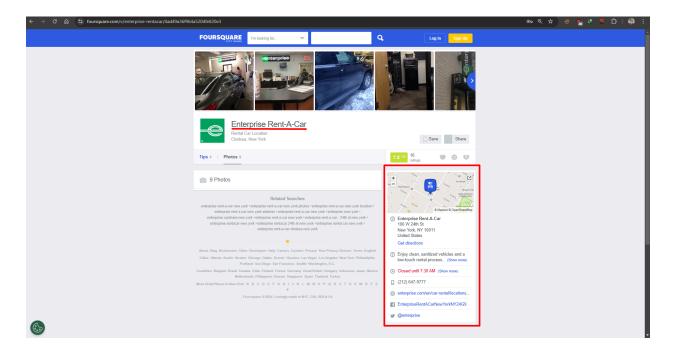
The more mentions your site has online, the easier it is for searchers to find you. A business listing on several high-profile platforms makes you more likely to appear in local SERPs and drive more visitors to your website.

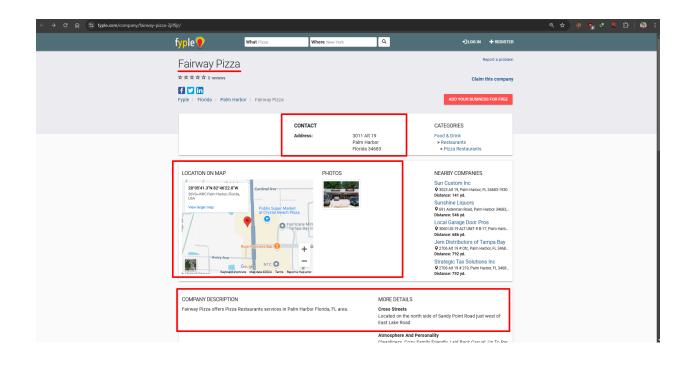
# What is the difference between structured and unstructured citations in local SEO?

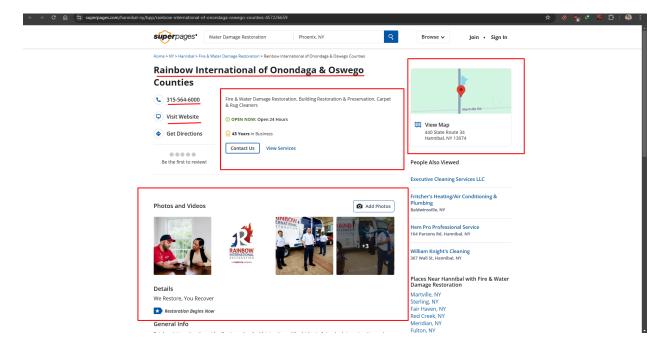
Unstructured citations refer to mentions in blog posts, online forums, and other mentions. However, the information is incomplete and doesn't include your full details.

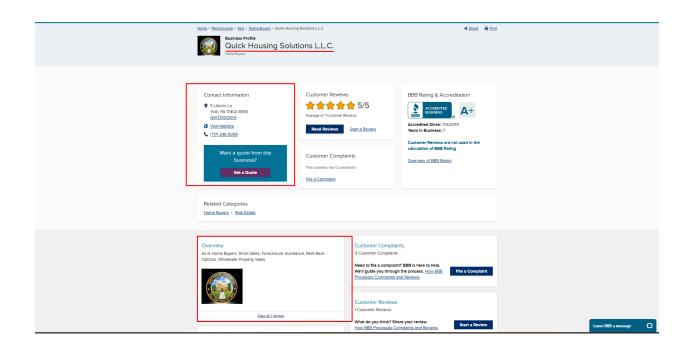
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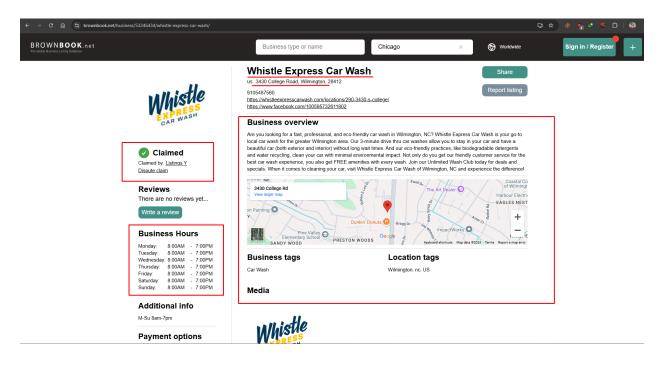












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What are the primary sources or platforms for building citations for local businesses?

The most high-profile directories are Google Business Profile, Facebook Business Page, Yelp, and Bing Places for Business.

For local services, Angi is among the most popular, and Trip Advisor is a great option for businesses in the tourist or restaurant trade.

What are the best practices when building citations?

Fill out your local citations as fully as possible and ensure your details are consistent across all directories. It's a good idea to keep your details updated, too. Add high-quality images to enhance your descriptions and optimize your content

throughout with regular and long-tail keywords.

Also, don't feel the need to list on every directory. Citation building works best when you create a business profile on well-established, relevant, niche sites.

What is the importance of NAP consistency (Name, Address, Phone number) in citation building?

Consistency builds trust with potential customers, and from search engines, consistent, accurate results can help your visibility, according to research.

BrightLocal SEO Ranking Factors Survey shows outdated and inaccurate citations can negatively affect your search visibility, and inconsistent NAP details can impact voice search visibility.

### Conclusion

Citation building is one element of SEO you can use to get your website in front of nearby customers.

It's a proven strategy that builds visibility, increases credibility, and enhances local SEO. You could choose from many directories but don't feel you must be on every site.

Select sites you know you can trust and choose niche directories your potential customers will most likely visit.

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