







# Complete Setup Guide: AI Phone Integration for Green Slice Lawn Care

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## What You'll Get

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Your AI receptionist will be able to:

-  Answer calls 24/7 with natural voice responses
-  Handle common questions about lawn care and window washing
-  Schedule appointments and provide pricing information
-  Forward urgent calls or specific requests to you
-  Record and transcribe all conversations
-  Send you notifications about calls

## Step-by-Step Setup

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### Phase 1: Get Your Twilio Account Ready (15 minutes)

#### 1. Create Twilio Account

- Go to <https://www.twilio.com/try-twilio>
- Sign up for a free account (\$15 credit included)
- Verify your phone number

#### 2. Get Your Credentials

- Go to <https://console.twilio.com>
- Copy your Account SID and Auth Token
- Keep these safe - you'll need them soon

### Phase 2: Deploy Your AI System (20 minutes)

#### Option A: Deploy to Render (Recommended - Free)

1. Create account at <https://render.com>
2. Fork this code to your GitHub account
3. Connect GitHub to Render
4. Create new "Web Service"
5. Set these environment variables in Render:

```
TWILIO_ACCOUNT_SID=your_actual_account_sid  
TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN=your_actual_auth_token  
OWNER_PHONE=+1234567890 (your cell number)  
WEBHOOK_BASE_URL=https://your-app-name.onrender.com  
BUSINESS_NAME=Green Slice Lawn Care and Window Washing  
CHATBOT_ID=3947607fe
```

6. Deploy the service

#### Option B: Deploy to Heroku

```
# Install Heroku CLI, then:
heroku create your-app-name
heroku config:set TWILIO_ACCOUNT_SID=your_sid
heroku config:set TWILIO_AUTH_TOKEN=your_token
heroku config:set OWNER_PHONE=+1234567890
heroku config:set WEBHOOK_BASE_URL=https://your-app-name.herokuapp.com
git push heroku main
```

## Phase 3: Get Your AI Phone Number (10 minutes)

### 1. Purchase Twilio Number

```
bash
```

```
python deploy.py setup-number
```

This will:

- Show you available phone numbers
- Let you choose one
- Automatically configure it for your AI system
- Cost: ~\$1/month

### 2. Test Your AI System

- Call your new Twilio number
- Try saying: "How much does lawn care cost?"
- Try saying: "I need to speak to the manager" (should forward to you)

## Phase 4: Forward Your Existing Number (5 minutes)

**From your Visible by Verizon phone:**

**For Business Hours (Recommended):**

```
*71 + [Your Twilio Number]
```

Example: `*71-555-123-4567`

This forwards calls only when you're busy or don't answer.

**For After Hours:**

```
*72 + [Your Twilio Number]
```

This forwards ALL calls immediately to AI.

**To Turn Off Forwarding:**

```
*73
```

## Testing Your Setup

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### Test Scenarios

#### 1. Basic Service Inquiry

- Call and ask: "What services do you offer?"
- Expected: AI explains lawn care and window washing services

#### 2. Pricing Question

- Ask: "How much does it cost?"
- Expected: AI provides pricing information and offers callback

#### 3. Scheduling Request

- Say: "I want to schedule service"
- Expected: AI offers to have someone call back or book online

#### 4. Emergency/Urgent Transfer

- Say: "This is an emergency" or "I need to speak to someone"
- Expected: AI immediately transfers to your phone

#### 5. After Hours Test

- Call outside business hours
- Expected: AI handles professionally and offers next-day callback



## Monitoring Your System

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### Daily Checks

- Visit: <https://your-app-domain.com/health>
- Check Twilio Console for call logs
- Review any missed calls or errors

### Weekly Reviews

- Analyze call transcripts for improvement opportunities
- Update AI responses based on common questions
- Check call forwarding is working correctly



## Cost Breakdown

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### Monthly Costs

- **Twilio Phone Number:** \$1.00/month
- **Incoming Calls:** ~\$0.0085/minute
- **Speech Recognition:** ~\$0.02/minute
- **Text-to-Speech:** ~\$0.04/1000 characters
- **Hosting (Render/Heroku):** Free tier available

### Example: 100 calls/month (5 min average)

- Phone number: \$1.00
- Call time: \$4.25 (500 minutes × \$0.0085)
- Speech processing: \$10.00 (500 minutes × \$0.02)
- Text-to-speech: \$2.00 (estimated)

- Total: ~\$17.25/month

## Customization Options

### Modify AI Responses

Edit the `get_chatbot_response()` function in `app.py`:

```
# Add your specific pricing
if 'price' in user_message_lower:
    return "Our lawn care starts at $50 per visit. Window washing is $3 per window.
    Would you like a free estimate?"

# Add your service areas
if 'area' in user_message_lower or 'location' in user_message_lower:
    return "We serve [Your City] and surrounding areas within 20 miles. What's your address?"
```

### Change Voice Settings

```
# In app.py, change the voice:
voice='Polly.Matthew' # Male voice
voice='Polly.Joanna'   # Female voice (default)
language='en-US'       # US English
```

### Add More Forward Keywords

```
FORWARD_KEYWORDS = [
    'emergency', 'urgent', 'complaint', 'manager', 'owner',
    'cancel', 'refund', 'problem', 'billing',
    # Add your custom keywords:
    'estimate', 'quote', 'schedule today'
]
```

## Troubleshooting

### “Calls aren’t being forwarded”

- Check: Dialed `*71` + full 10-digit number?
- Check: Twilio number configured correctly?
- Test: Call Twilio number directly first

### “AI isn’t responding properly”

- Check: App health at `/health` endpoint
- Check: Twilio Console webhook logs
- Check: Environment variables set correctly

### “Poor call quality”

- Check: Good cell signal when testing
- Check: Background noise during calls
- Consider: Different Twilio voice options

## “Calls going to voicemail instead of AI”

- Check: Call forwarding activated ( \*71 or \*72 )
- Check: Twilio number supports voice calls
- Check: Webhook URLs are correct

## Support Contacts

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### Technical Issues

1. Check this troubleshooting guide
2. Review Twilio Console logs
3. Test individual endpoints
4. Check hosting platform logs

### Twilio Support

- Console: <https://console.twilio.com>
- Documentation: <https://www.twilio.com/docs>
- Support: Available in Twilio Console

### Hosting Support

- **Render:** <https://render.com/docs>
- **Heroku:** <https://devcenter.heroku.com>



## Maintenance Schedule

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### Weekly

- ☐ Test call forwarding
- ☐ Review call transcripts
- ☐ Check system health
- ☐ Update AI responses if needed

### Monthly

- ☐ Review Twilio usage and costs
- ☐ Test all call scenarios
- ☐ Update business information
- ☐ Check for system updates

### Quarterly

- ☐ Analyze call patterns
- ☐ Optimize AI responses
- ☐ Review and update pricing information
- ☐ Consider additional features



## Advanced Features (Optional)

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### SMS Integration

Add text message capabilities to your AI system.

## Multiple Phone Numbers

Set up different numbers for different services or locations.

## Call Analytics Dashboard

Create a web dashboard to view call statistics and trends.

## CRM Integration

Connect calls to your customer management system.

## Appointment Scheduling

Integrate with calendar systems for automatic booking.



## You're All Set!

Your AI receptionist is now ready to handle calls professionally 24/7.

### Next Steps:

1. Test thoroughly with different scenarios
2. Update your business listings with the new number
3. Train your team on the forwarding system
4. Monitor and optimize based on real calls

**Questions?** Review the troubleshooting section or check the detailed README.md file.

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Your customers will be impressed with the professional, always-available service!