

Creative Asset Preparation Guide

Learn what logo files, photographs, copy, and design references to provide before a creative project begins — so your project starts strong.

■ Logo Files

Strong artwork in means strong artwork out. Send the original files whenever you have them.

- Provide vector files if you have them: AI, EPS, or SVG
- Include a high-resolution PNG with a transparent background
- Send every variation you use: horizontal, stacked, icon-only, black, and white
- If you only have a low-resolution copy, send the best version you have — it can often be redrawn
- Skip logos embedded in Word documents, PDFs, or screenshots when the original file exists

■ Brand Colors & Fonts

Exact values keep your project on-brand. Descriptions like "dark blue" invite guesses.

- List exact color values (HEX, RGB, or CMYK) for your brand palette
- Name every font your brand uses, in every weight
- Include font files or license details if text will be typeset with them
- Share your brand guidelines document, if one exists

■ Photography

Real photos beat stock every time. Gather the originals before the project begins.

- Send original, uncropped photos at the highest resolution available
- Include headshots, team photos, product shots, and location photos
- Phone photos work well when they are bright, sharp, and unedited
- Get written permission before sharing photos of customers or employees
- Never pull images from search engines — they are almost always licensed and off-limits

■ Copy & Written Content

Words shape the design. Final copy up front prevents rework later.

- Provide your business description, services list, and taglines
- Include your About story, staff bios, and testimonials (with permission)
- Proofread everything before submitting — copy is easiest to change before design starts
- Flag any text that must appear exactly as written, such as legal lines and disclaimers

■ Design References

Showing what you like is the fastest way to get what you want.

- Share designs you like — and ones you dislike — and briefly say why
- Point out competitor materials you admire or want to avoid
- Include past designs that should be kept, updated, or retired
- Note deadlines, event dates, and must-have details up front

■ Quick Self-Check

Before you send your assets, confirm:

- Vector logo plus a PNG with a transparent background
- Color codes and font names written down
- Photos are original and high-resolution
- Copy is proofread and final
- References and deadlines are collected

Have your assets ready? Let's put them to work.

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