

# DISPLAY CREATIVE GUIDELINES

## Requirements and Recommendations

Send files as email attachments or via a file sharing service (Dropbox, Google Drive, Onedrive, etc.). Do not embed files in the email body – this increases the file size.



### Display Ad Requirements

- Must include business name and/or logo.
- Must link to a landing page with relevant messaging corresponding with the ads.
- All ads with white backgrounds must include a border.
- **Advocacy/Political** ads must include a “Paid for by” message to make it clear what group the ad is being supported by.
- **Cannabis** ads must include legal details.
- **Video** and **audio** must be user initiated.
- **HTML5** files should contain a valid exit function.
- **Animated gif** files are not recommended, contact us for more details.

Dimensions	File Type	Max File Size
1200x250	JPG	60kb
	HTML5	200kb   Animated: 3 Loop & :15s max
970x250	JPG	50kb
	HTML5	200kb   Animated: 3 Loop & :15s max
300x600	JPG	50kb
	HTML5	200kb   Animated: 3 Loop & :15s max
728x90	JPG	40kb
	HTML5	200kb   Animated: 3 Loop & :15s max
300x250	JPG	40kb
	HTML5	200kb   Animated: 3 Loop & :15s max
320x106	JPG	15kb
	HTML5	50kb   Animated: 3 Loop & :15s max



### WALLPAPER

Wallpaper Testing Tool: <https://mediasolutions.seattletimes.com/wallpaper-test>

#### Requirements

- Test your files for adherence to Safe Area specifications.
- Logos and text are limited to the **right side only** and required to be in the 142x700 “Text Safe Area,” including prominent logos/text visible in imagery, with limited exceptions.<sup>1</sup>
- Focal imagery must be oriented for visibility in the ‘Image Safe Area’ (areas in both left and right files that are 1596x768 for the home page or 1366x768 on a section page).
- The homepage wallpaper is visible at browser widths of 1510px or higher. All other site wallpaper is visible at browser widths of 1280px and higher.
- A single background hex code must be provided to ensure a seamless presentation of the wallpaper on larger monitors.<sup>2</sup>
- No tiled backgrounds and/or repetitive tiled images.
- Advertiser must specify which image goes on the left and right.
- Wallpaper is designed to suggest a single coherent image or experience across both panels.

Dimensions	File Type	Max File Size
445x1036 per panel	<b>JPG ONLY</b>	175kb

#### Recommendations

- <sup>1</sup> Exceptions include incidental branding/names on sports uniforms worn by people featured in photo imagery and incidental branding/signage in landscape photos that is clearly not intended as messaging.
- <sup>2</sup> For best effect, the bottom edges of the creative should blend to the gutter color.
- Logo and messaging is not required when wallpaper is part of a takeover.

*All wallpapers are subject to creative review and feedback prior to acceptance for launch. Design assistance is available.*

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## HOMEPAGE & SECTION TAKEOVER BREAKPOINT BILLBOARD

### Requirements

- **Background hex code required** to ensure a seamless presentation of ad creative.
- **Background hex code** should cohesively align to a color within the banner ad and wallpaper creative.
- **JPG and PNG** are allowed
- **Animated gif** files are not recommended, contact us for more details.
- **No HTML5 or 3rd Party Tags are allowed**, but Impression & Click Trackers can be appended

### Creative Ad Image Specs

Browser width	dimensions	max file size
<b>LARGE DESKTOP</b>	1200x250 (or 970x250)	60kb
<b>STANDARD DESKTOP</b>	970x250	50kb
<b>TABLET</b>	728x90	40kb
<b>MOBILE</b>	320x106 (or 320x50)	15kb

